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## 'Big Two' cry halt to arms race U.S. to deploy new MX

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has appealed to the new Soviet leaders to agree on joint measures to reduce the risk of nuclear war but has also served notice he intends to go ahead with deployment of the powerful new MX missile.

He offered Monday night to work with the Soviet Union to allay fears of an accidental nuclear conflict while proposing to base 100 MX missiles in a string of super-hardened silos.

"It still takes weapons to prevent war," Reagan said of his option for the so-called dense-pack deployment of the MX, a missile he dubbed "the peacekeeper." But he declared: "The United States wants deep cuts in the world's arsenal of weapons."

But Reagan said he had proposed in a letter to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov that Moscow and Washington begin the process of

### Graft scandal rocks China

PEKING, Nov. 23 (R) — Two local officials have been arrested and an entire Communist Party committee dismissed in Shenzhen, bordering on Hong Kong, in Communist China's biggest corruption scandal, the People's Daily reported Tuesday.

The official newspaper said the dismissal of the party leadership was ordered by Peking after large-scale smuggling, tax evasion and other irregularities involving 70 million yuan (\$35 million) were discovered last December at Shenzhen's China Electronics Import and Export Company.

It said Zhou Zhirog and Ku Zhiliang, the company's party head and its warehouse supervisor, were arrested for "colluding with crooked Hong Kong businessmen" in the importing of electronics equipment.

### Lloyd's confirms

## Iranian ships damaged

TWO CREW MEMBERS were wounded. The ship then proceeded to Dubai for repairs.

On Sunday, the Iraqis said they had attacked and destroyed five oil tankers at Kharg Island. But the claim was denied by the Iranian and Lloyd's said later that there was no evidence that five oil tankers had been destroyed.

A spokesman for the intelligence unit of the insurance organization said the tanker *Shiraz* was "still burning badly" and that the 45,000-ton Iranian hotel ship *Rafael* also was badly damaged in the raids at the weekend. Both vessels were at the port of Bandar Bushehr some 64 kilometers south of Kharg Island when the attacks took place.

The spokesman said he also had heard reports that the 10,000-ton Indian bulk carrier *Archana* was damaged in the attacks.

In view of Iran's intransigence in the face of Iraqi bids to bring the war to an end, Iraq has a right to employ all means necessary to (score) victory over Iran, he was quoted Tuesday by the newspaper as saying. "I am not sure that all these tankers were Iranian, because warplanes cannot distinguish between Iranian and other tankers of different nationalities," said Al-Orabi.

He said that Iraq has "frozen" plans to export its crude oil through Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti terminals, explaining that "pumping oil through Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian pipelines require lengthy feasibility studies."

Al-Orabi said that using Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti terminals also required "huge capital in investment. He did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, Iraq claimed its ground troops forced Iranian soldiers to withdraw from the war zone around Missan in the south after launching Monday a "large offensive."

An Iraqi military communiqué said the "fierce combat" left 945 enemy soldiers dead, many others wounded and forced the Iranians to leave behind a large quantity of ammunition, arms and military equipment in working order.

### Habib presents proposals to Syria

DAMASCUS, Nov. 23 (AP) — U.S. special Middle East negotiator Philip C. Habib and Morris Draper arrived Tuesday with proposals for a simultaneous withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon and a swap of Syrian, Palestinian and Israeli prisoners, sources close to the talks said.

Habib and Draper also brought answers to questions on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan posed by the Syrians earlier, the sources said.

The two Americans met with Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam Tuesday morning, foreign ministry sources said. It was not known if they would meet with Syrian President Hafez Assad, nor how long their visit to Damascus would last.

The sources close to the talks, who asked not to be identified, said the withdrawal proposal involved a two-phase, simultaneous pullout of Syrian and Israeli troops from Lebanon, according to a specific and detailed plan agreed upon in advance.

The sources did not indicate what the proposals say about withdrawal of Palestine

### Andropov pins hope on detente

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (AP) — Soviet Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov made a major new overture to the United States Monday, declaring that the "future belongs to detente."

However, he said the Soviet Union would not make "preliminary concessions" to assure the normalization of relations between the two countries.

In his first address to the party leadership since being named Nov. 12 to replace the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary, Andropov warned that the escalating arms race must not be allowed to get out of control.

"Man kind cannot endlessly put up with the arms race and with wars unless it wants to put its future at stake," the 68-year-old former KGB head said in a lengthy speech to the party's central committee.

"The Soviet Communist Party does not want the dispute of ideas to grow into a confrontation between states and peoples. It does not want arms and the readiness to use them to become a gauge of the potentials of the social systems..."

"We are deeply convinced that the sevenies, characterized by detente were not as is asserted today by certain imperialist leader a chance episode in the difficult history of mankind. No, the policy of detente is by no means a past stage. The future belongs to this policy."

The speech, which also renewed the Soviet call for better relations with China, was distributed by the official Soviet news agency Tass and read in its entirety, for 40 minutes, on the nationally televised evening news.

Andropov's foreign policy remarks Monday were the latest in a series of signs that he is seeking an accommodation with the United States.

Speaking Monday on ways to curb the arms race, Andropov said, "we are for the search on a healthy basis, acceptable to the sides concerned, for a settlement of most complicated problems, especially, of course, the problems of curbing the arms race, involving both nuclear and conventional arms."

"But," he added, "let no one expect a unilateral disarmament from us. We are not naive people. We do not demand unilateral disarmament from the West. We are for equality, for consideration for the interests of both sides, for honest agreement."

### Sikhs bomb official's home

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (AP) — Sikh militants Tuesday bombed the residence of Punjab State Education Minister Harchand Singh in the Sikh city of Amritsar, causing extensive damage, a government official said.

Two crude bombs were lobbed at dawn into the residence of Singh, a minister in Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) party-led Punjab government, in Amritsar, where the Sikh party, the Akali Dal, has set up its operation headquarters for current Sikh agitation for an autonomous Punjab.

Initial reports, quoted by Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency, said the minister was not in the house when two militants lobbed the bombs and escaped. However a local official said that Singh had been expected home Tuesday.

Sikh militants had threatened to disrupt the ninth Asian Games currently in progress here. A Federal source said that following the Amritsar blast, security had been further tightened in New Delhi and in parts of Punjab.

Meanwhile, New Delhi police Monday night arrested three Sikh extremists who had just flown in from the United States, charging them with suspected breach of peace.

The talks continued as delegations here learned that three new states — Senegal, Togo and Gambia — were boycotting the summit. Morocco has already said it will not attend.

Unless Upper Volta, which recently underwent a military coup, manages to send a delegation here, the total possible number of delegations cannot exceed 41. Thirty-four countries are needed for a quorum. The summit was to have opened at 1500 GMT Tuesday and ended Friday.

One of the compromise ideas being discussed, conference sources said, is formal OAU recognition of the Hissene Habre regime in Djibouti, with agreement by Djibouti to leave its seat at the summit empty. Observers here agreed that should the attempt to find a compromise fail, the existence of the OAU would be threatened. Already last August the OAU summit failed to open because of a boycott provoked by a decision to admit the Polisario front as an observer.

The Libyans, who support Gen. Goukouni's National Unity Transitional Government (GUNT) based in Burdaw, northern Chad, have decided to permit full exposure for the Goukouni delegation.

The Hissene Habre delegation, led by Foreign Minister Idriss Miskine, left for home last Sunday. Fifteen heads of state and prime ministers have arrived here for the summit.

**Fahd, Benjedid say**

## M.E. peace linked to Palestine state

ALGIERS, Nov. 23 (ISPA) — Saudi Arabia and Algeria affirmed Tuesday that a just and durable peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved without restoring the inalienable rights of the Palestinians. They also expressed grave concern over the continuing war in the Gulf between Iran and Iraq. They expressed support for the efforts to bring about an end to the war in the Sahara in accordance with the resolutions of the Nairobi summit.

In a joint communique, at the end of King

King Fahd

Fahd's official visit, the two sides said the Palestinians must have the right to self-determination and statehood on their national soil.

They condemned the massacres organized by the Zionists against the Palestinians and the Lebanese and the ongoing humiliations, tortures and arrests that flout international principles, international law and human rights.

The Kingdom and Algeria also condemned the Zionist occupation of Lebanese territory. They renewed their support and solidarity with the Lebanese people and that country's legitimate authority to oust the Zionist forces from their homeland. The two sides also re-emphasized their determination to foster Arab solidarity and implement the resolutions of Arab summits which stipulate the consolidation of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative.

## OAU summit fails to take off

TRIPOLI, Nov. 23 (AFP) — The Organization of African Unity summit failed to open on time Tuesday as African leaders continued delicate negotiations on Chad.

Informants said here that the summit was to have opened at 1500 GMT Tuesday and ended Friday.

The sources said presidents Shugari Shagari of Nigeria, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya, the outgoing OAU chairman, and other leaders were holding talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on ways of overcoming the deadlock on the seating of the Chad delegation.

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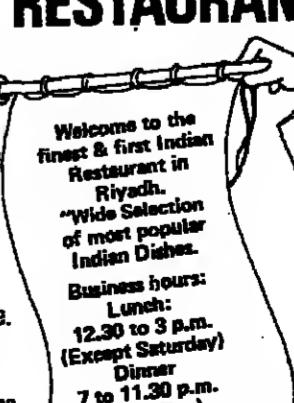
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## Ministers' talks cover Australian exports, ties

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Australian Primary Industry Minister Peter Nixon, who arrived here Monday night, began talks with Saudi Arabian ministers on cooperation and Australian exports to the Kingdom.

Australian meat exports, frozen and live-stock, and canned foods to Saudi Arabia were among issues discussed during a meeting between Nixon and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Soltan.

## Saudi, Australian universities cooperating in fire fighting

By Habib Rahaman  
Arab News staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — Research is being conducted at the Engineering Department of the King Abdul Aziz University to find out new methods and techniques and materials to combat oil well fires.

The research, sponsored by the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources and the university, is being carried out at two universities — KAAU and Sydney University in Australia. The research was commissioned last year and will continue for two more years.

Dr. Ibrahim Shugdar vice dean of the college of engineering and assistant professor at the Chemical Engineering Department, told *Arab News* that the department is planning to establish a fire fighting training center which will teach modern techniques.

Sydney University has developed a caoono

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#### Abdullah cables Spain

RIYADH, (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah sent a cable of greetings to Spain's King Juan Carlos on the occasion of the Spanish monarch's accession to the throne. In his cable, the crown prince wished the Spanish people continued progress and prosperity.

He also sent Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel a similar cable on the occasion of Lebanon's Independence Day. In his cable, Crown Prince Abdullah also wished the Lebanese people continued progress and prosperity.

King Fahd, who is currently on a visit to Algeria, had delegated Crown Prince Abdullah to look after state affairs during his absence.

#### French visit postponed

RIYADH, (SPA) — French Economy and Finance Minister Jacques Delors has postponed his scheduled visit to Saudi Arabia, due to illness. It was officially announced. The announcement said Delors would visit Saudi Arabia at a date to be fixed later. Saudi Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil received a telephone call from Delors who advised him of his sudden illness while returning from Algiers.

#### Prince Faisal returns

RIYADH, (SPA) — Saudi Youth Welfare Organization President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd has returned from New Delhi after attending the inauguration ceremony of the Asian Games. Prince Faisal also chaired the Arab Sports Federation meeting held in the Indian capital.

On arrival, he told reporters that the Arab sports ministers meeting in Somalia in January would finalize a date for the 6th Arab Tournament which had been postponed in view of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

#### Guard official returns

RIYADH, (SPA) — National Guard Assistant Deputy Commander Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri returned here Monday from Syria after a one-day visit. Tuwaijri had conveyed a message to Syrian President Hafez Assad from King Fahd.

**Kingdom on agricultural committee**

SAANA, (SPA) — Saudi Arabia was elected to the membership of a committee of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development which concluded a three-day session here Monday. The committee also includes the United Arab Emirates and Libya and will deal with financial and administrative affairs of the organization.

During the session, resolutions and recommendations pertaining to the organization's action plan for the upcoming year were adopted. A budget of more than \$9 million was endorsed for next year. The organization also decided to hold its 10th session in Sudan December 1983.

#### League, GCC cooperation

TUNIS, (SPA) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi met with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Al-Sunni, who is currently on a visit to Tunisia.

Subhi told reporters discussions covered prospects of cooperation between the league and the GCC. He said that during his stay here he would hold similar discussions with other league officials.

#### Causeway report

MANAMA, (SPA) The Bahraini council of ministers has delegated the industry and development ministry to prepare a report on the implementation of a causeway linking the state island of Bahrain with the mainland of Saudi Arabia. King Fahd and Sheikh Isa ibn Sulman had laid the foundation stone for the causeway early last week.

#### Diabetes seminar

TAIF, (SPA) — Taif's Armed Forces Hospital organizes a seminar on diabetes Dec. 1. The two-day seminar will discuss a number of research papers and studies on the disease, its

## Impressive Moroccan festival inaugurated

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — The week-long Moroccan festival of music, crafts and products got off to an impressive start at the Kaodara Palace Hotel here Tuesday night ensuring that the event will have something for everyone.

The festival features an exhibition of the most popular products available from Morocco; offers a chance for local businessmen to make contacts with more than 50 Moroccan firms; and displays a festival of Moroccan handicrafts, food products, books, calligraphy, carpets, textiles, dresses, leatherwork, furniture and cosmetics.

The festival is aimed at educating the public about the wide variety of products which are produced in Morocco and are now on the market.

The festival will be open exclusively for women on Nov. 28 when the wife of the Moroccan ambassador to Saudi Arabia will be present to provide information to visitors.

Throughout the festival, handicrafts will be exhibited and craftsmen will demonstrate how the work is done.

### Teacher's class workload reduced

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — The weekly number of classes to be taught by a teacher will be reduced to 24 as of the academic year 1983-84, a ministerial decision said Tuesday. Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaifer has advised all educational directorates and branches of the ministry to take necessary steps to apply the new move.

### Testing specs proposed

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — A proposed standard specification for testing wheat grains has been circulated by the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization. It was announced Tuesday. Technical comments by parties concerned were invited.

### Registered mail data

DAMMAM — The Damman Post Office received 1,850,245 registered mail items last month, *Al-Madina* reported. At the same time, it exported 1,675,950 registered mail items and 2,540 pieces of correspondence.

### Civil service openings

DAMMAM, (SPA) — The Eastern Province branch of the Civil Service Board has invited applications for executive positions in the province ranging between the first and sixth grades for men and second to seventh grades for women. Applications will be received between Nov. 29 and Dec. 13. The announcement by the civil service board said.

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## During Geneva meetings Officials to finalize details of aircraft satellite program

By Ahmad K. Khushroo  
Arab News Staff

the information acquired on aircraft via satellite.

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — A group of five countries including Saudi Arabia will meet in Geneva during the first week of December to finalize details about the commissioning of the Aircraft to Satellite Data Acquisition Relay Program (ASDAR) for the participating countries.

Under this program, which is tentatively expected to cost about \$2 million, aircraft will have a hook-up system to communicate weather data to satellites from where the information can be passed on to the countries involved in the program.

At present, most of the wide-bodied jets that are in service have a computer system called a "flight data acquisition unit" that monitors provides the pilot with information about air temperature, wind speed and direction, cloud heights, air pressure, latitude and longitude coordinates. All this information however, is not recorded and is lost.

Now a group of five countries — Saudi Arabia, the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia — have come together to launch the ASDAR program to monitor

the center's director, Fuad Daghestani, said Tuesday the survey covers the coast line between Jeddah and Yanbu, areas of the Red Sea.

Studies are being carried out by Saudi Arabian researchers specialists in marine

sciences, and a group of experts working for the center, Daghestani said. He highlighted the cooperation existing between the center and the Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration in studying coral reefs and the impact of landfills shores on marine life.

The center is actively involved, in cooperation with the emirate of Thawr, south of Jeddah, to establish a fishermen's cooperative.

This project will include establishing an ice factory and coolers to preserve fish, and a maintenance and spare parts workshop.

The university specializes in raising the standard of executive directors and helping in

### International Marine Varsity chooses Saudi rep

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Under-Secretary for Transportation Affairs Ahmed Yousef Al-Turki was chosen as the Kingdom's representative at an International Marine University in Sweden.

The university specializes in raising the

standard of executive directors and helping in

establishing marine companies in developing countries. It also organizes seminars on marine and transport affairs.

The university grants a two-year post graduate master's degree in marine transportation management. It was set up by the International Marine Organization (IMO).

The university's rector Dr. Abdulla ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Turki said that the students' families will enjoy the new privilege as soon as the necessary medical staff has been recruited.

## Hassan hopes 'Arab phase' has begun

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Lebanon's diplomatic envoy here in an interview published Tuesday expressed the hope that the future would carry with it an ever increasing solidarity among the Arabs.

Dr. Zafer Al-Hassan, the Lebanese ambassador to the Kingdom, told *Arab News*, "The Arab phase had actually begun."

"It is the phase that followed the Lebanese tragedy when the Arabs for the first time unanimously agreed on a peace plan," he said.

He added that he hoped this phase would involve the Lebanese situation and cause and would be "full of continuing and escalating solidarity among all Arabs."

Dr. Hassan said the Lebanese people highly appreciated Saudi Arabia's "constructive stand" towards their country every since the crisis erupted.

The Saudi Arabian position came to a climax with King Fahd's stand before and after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, he added.

## S. Korean firm wins SR36.4m railroad job

DAMMAM, Nov. 23 (SPA) — A South Korean firm has won an SR36.4m contract to supply 268 train carriages to the General Organization of Saudi Railways. The carriages are expected to reach Dammam Port in January.

The organization's Chairman Faisal Shehail said that the contract included the provision of 18 double-track carriages.

## University students receive health care

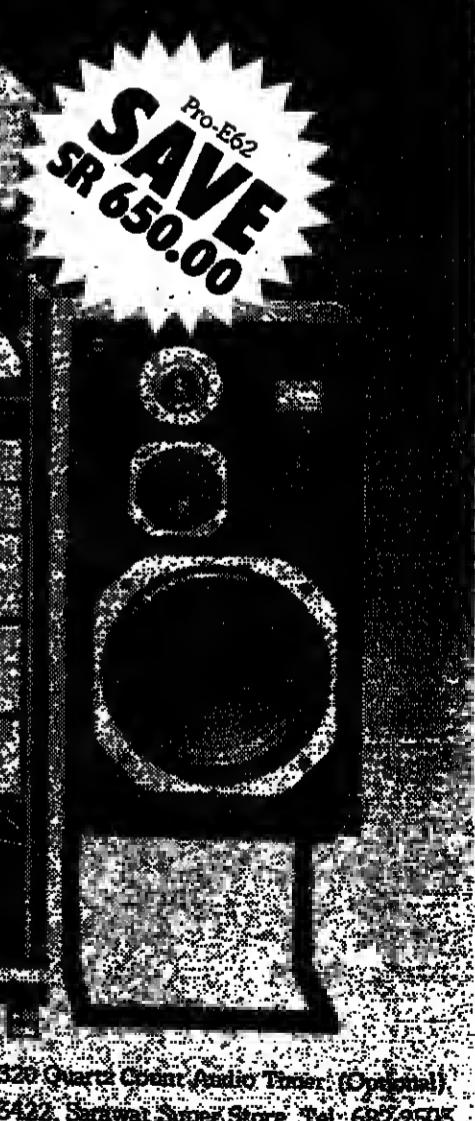
RIYADH, Nov. 23 — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University here will provide free medical treatment and health care to the families of its students, *Al-Madinah* reported.

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**Arrives in Cairo today**

## Mitterrand supports Palestine state

CAIRO, Nov. 23 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand, stepping beyond a common West European position and rallying behind the Arab demand for an independent Palestinian state, arrives in Cairo Wednesday for a three-day visit and talks with President Hosni Mubarak. It will be Mitterrand's second visit to Egypt as president and his fifth get-together with Mubarak in 18 months.

In an interview with the Cairo newspapers *Al Ahram* and *Al Akhbar* published Tuesday, Mitterrand advocated an independent Palestinian state in the occupied Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip on the basis of recognition of Israel by the Palestinians and Arab countries.

**Blamed for attack on army barracks**

## Lebanon demands pullout of Iran volunteers

BEIRUT, Nov. 23 (AP) — The Lebanese government has blamed Iranian volunteers for an armed attack on a Lebanese Army barracks and demanded their immediate withdrawal coupled with an apology from the Iranian government, foreign ministry sources said Tuesday.

The Lebanese Army Command said masked gunmen attacked its garrison in the Arafat to visit Jordan

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat is to make a two-day visit to Jordan next Saturday. PLO sources said Tuesday. The sources said Arafat will hold talks with King Hussein and top Jordanian officials on relations between the Jordanian government and the PLO.

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## Mubarak says contacts with Arabs continue

"It is up to the Palestinians when they receive the land of their state to define what constitutional framework they see fit to establish their state," said the 66-year-old Mitterrand who took office in May last year. Wanting to make sure they heard him right, his interviewers asked specifically whether he was calling for a Palestinian state. Both recognize that Washington's clout is of paramount importance in swaying Israel.

The officials said the Mubarak-Mitterrand talks will focus on ways of getting peace negotiations started with the participation of the Palestinians and Jordan.

Other international topics to be discussed by the two leaders include the Lebanon situation, the Iraq-Iran war and the crisis-ridden Organization of African Unity.

CAIRO, Nov. 23 (AP) — Egypt is presently maintaining contacts with most Arab countries, except Syria, despite the absence of diplomatic relations with the majority, President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview published Tuesday.

Mubarak also told the Sudanese newspaper *Al Sahaf* that he favors the Chad government of President Hissene Habre at the Organization of African Unity summit conference scheduled to open Tuesday in the Libyan capital Tripoli.

The interview was carried by the Egyptian state-run Middle East News Agency. Dialogue is continuing between Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization and contacts are in progress with Morocco, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and most Arab countries except Syria, Mubarak said. He described relations with Saudi Arabia as "good."

The Arab countries named by Mubarak were among 17 member-states of the Arab League who broke off relations with Egypt to protest its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

## Afghans rupture Soviet pipeline

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 23 (AP) — Muslim freedom fighters in Afghanistan have ruptured at two points the strategic pipeline supplying oil to the Soviet troops in Afghanistan. Western military sources said here Tuesday.

It was not immediately clear how serious the ruptures have affected the Soviet military activity in the country, the sources said.

The Russian-built oil pipeline connects the Soviet Union to its principal Afghan military base at Bagram, north of the Afghan capital

Egypt asks U.S. to up military aid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — Egyptian Defense Minister Abdal-Halim Abu Ghazala has asked U.S. defense officials for an increase of about \$400 million in U.S. military aid to Egypt.

Abu Ghazala Monday requested \$1.7 billion be earmarked for improvement of Egypt's armed forces under the United States military aid program for fiscal 1984, which starts next Oct. 1, Pentagon officials said.

The Egyptian defense minister also requested that \$500 million of this be "forgiven," meaning it would not have to be repaid.

**Benazir assumes PPP leadership**

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 23 (AP) — Leadership of the opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has passed to 29-year-old Benazir Bhutto, the firebrand daughter of the late Pakistani leader, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Miss Bhutto assumed the helm of the party Saturday when her mother left for Munich for treatment of suspected lung cancer.

Nusrat Bhutto, the executed former leader's widow, left Pakistan after an 83-day wrangle with authorities over whether she required hospitalization abroad.

Benazir, who was allowed a brief reunion with her mother, has spent most of the past five years under house arrest at the family home in Larkana, 480 km north of Karachi, an Arabian Sea port city of 7 million.

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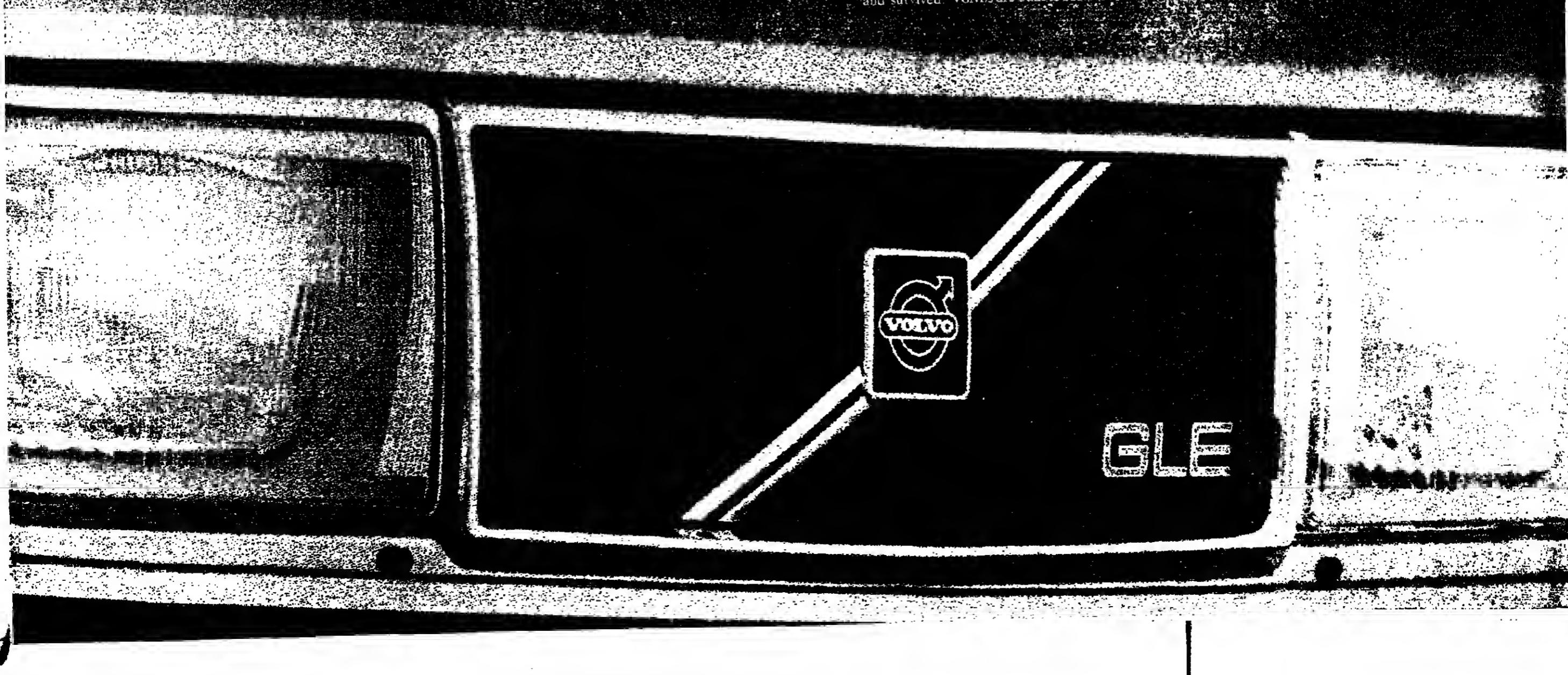
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## REAGAN'S TOUGH STAND

In two major speeches and statements of policy made at about the same time the Soviet Union and the United States have indicated their intention to seek peaceful relations. While the speech by Andropov was more outgoing and specific, Reagan's was restricted to the need to reduce the risk of accidental nuclear war. It was also spoiled by his announcement to go ahead with the deployment of the new MX missile.

This is not to say that the United States should not continuously try to improve its military capability because the Soviet Union has been steadily developing its own and has in some ways surpassed its main rival.

But Reagan's approach has been more aggressive and defiant than that of Andropov when it was really up to Reagan to show greater flexibility and readiness to do business with the new Soviet leadership. His failure to attend the Brezhnev funeral was a missed opportunity which might have melted the ice quicker.

Thus, instead of winning over the hearts of the new Soviet leaders toward a possible relaxation of tensions Reagan's policy and his MX speech have merely aroused their suspicions that whatever they do, they won't win with the present American leadership.

This may sound like oversimplification of superpower relations but the truth is that Reagan's hard-line approach may not be in the best interests of world peace. He had better leave things to his Secretary of State Shultz to handle in his own quiet but professional manner rather than indulge in histrionics and jingoism.

## HONG KONG & FREE SYSTEM

Official sources in China have been saying that they will retrieve sovereignty over Hong Kong but allow its inhabitants to continue life as usual — that is with the complete trappings of capitalism. This means that China wants to eat its cake and keep it through one of the most bizarre political, economic and social formulas that the world has ever seen.

China adopts a Communist ideology which has been found lacking and is, therefore, beginning to mellow somewhat although it shies away from declaring its total disengagement with Marxism-Leninism and Maoism.

Nevertheless, it would appear that the pragmatic Chinese will someday muster enough courage to say enough is enough. They have already, albeit quietly, permitted 1,500,000 persons to operate private business and to employ others to work for them. As the businesses and farms flourish more of the same are licensed. Hong Kong, of course, stands out quite prominently to prove what enterprising Chinese can achieve if given the freedom to develop their best selves.

## Saudi Arabian press review

**Al-Bilad** Tuesday said Saudi Arabia's diplomatic moves at Arab, Islamic and international levels are aimed at ironing out Arab differences and ensuring a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. The paper said the moves were also directed toward mobilizing Arab and Islamic resources to counter challenges threatening the Arab and Islamic worlds.

It noted that the current talks between King Fahd and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid reflected a new approach concerning collective Arab moves at international levels to back Arab causes.

**Al-Yom** said the Fahd-Benjedid talks would help in realizing the two countries' interests in particular and those of the Arab and Islamic nation in general. The paper noted that the Middle East issue was high on the agenda of the talks in view of the fact that both the Kingdom and Algeria were members of an Arab League committee entrusted with

initiating contacts with the U.N. Security Council's permanent members on a unified Arab plan to resolve the conflict peacefully.

**Al-Riyad** said the clear understanding between Saudi Arabia and Algeria on several questions of Arab and Islamic interest had enabled them to mobilize Arab potential and strengthen Arab solidarity.

Commenting on the EEC's responsibility toward finding a solution to the Middle East crisis, **Al-Jazira** said the EEC was now lagging behind in the latest positive and negative developments in the region. It called on EEC countries to effectively participate in efforts aimed at recovering the Palestinian people's legitimate rights and ensuring a fair and lasting peace in the area. (SPA)

## Turkey wants U.S. to boost military aid

By Juliet Pearce

ANKARA —

Turkey's large but antiquated armed forces are being gradually modernized with the help of West German and American funds and expertise — too gradually in the eyes of the Turkish general staff.

Despite the intensity of effort by their allies, the modernization program has fallen short of Turkish expectations. There have been serious political difficulties in securing the approval of the U.S. Congress to Washington's increased military aid to this guardian of the exposed southeastern flank of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Some of the problems have been circumvented by direct subsidies from the U.S. Air Force toward modernization of a dozen air bases. Work on the bases started this autumn. Both Turkish and U.S. sources are at pains to stress that the program is "strictly within NATO's framework."

The Turkish general staff has formally denied that the bases are linked to the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force in the Indian Ocean (because of its strong relations with the Arab world, Turkey has been reluctant to become involved in any U.S. military plans in the Middle East).

The key to the modernization is a four-stage proposal submitted by the Turkish general staff and discussed with American experts at two sessions of the "Joint Defense Group." This body was created in December, 1981, to improve U.S.-Turkish military cooperation.

The plan sets out priorities — the conversion of Korean-war tanks, improvement of communication facilities of the Turkish Third Army deployed along the Soviet border, the establishment of a modern aircraft maintenance infrastructure, and so on. The funds come mainly from annual U.S. military aid of \$400 million, as well as from Germany's \$240 million package. The West German deal includes 80 Leopard tanks, some of which have already arrived.

The Turks would like to revive their aircraft industry, which fell into decline in the late 1940s. Three American firms are negotiating the possibility of joint production of a new generation of Turkish fighter bomber. The firms are Northrop, General Dynamics and McDonnell Douglas.

An estimated 1,000 tank conversion kits from the United States are expected to arrive in Turkey in the coming months. Tanks will be stripped of present equipment, each to receive a new diesel engine and 105mm cannon instead of the present 90mm model.

Turkey has some 3,500 tanks, divided among one armored division, two mechanized infantry divisions, six armored and four mechanized brigades and a number of independent battalions attached to infantry divisions.

Work has begun at the Golcuk shipyard near Istanbul on Turkey's first home-made submarines. West German experts are supervising the program. The construction of an unspecified number of frigates and small patrol craft is also said to be in an advanced stage. (ONS)

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## Debate over human rights continues unabated in America

By George Gedda

WASHINGTON —

To its critics, the administration of President Ronald Reagan has downgraded human rights to a point where the bloodiest of dictators can engage in gross acts of repression without a murmur of protest from Washington. To its supporters, the administration is accomplishing more through quiet diplomacy than former President Jimmy Carter did with its activist approach.

The debate over how the United States can most effectively deal with dictatorial regimes continues unabated, with hawks and doves often questioning each other's motives as well as their judgments.

Should the United States provide aid to a repressive government? If aid is withdrawn, will the government be overthrown and replaced by a regime more repressive and anti-American as well?

Should dictators be received in the Oval Office of the president? Are private overtures more effective than public admonitions?

Almost six years after Carter made protection of human rights an administration priority, no consensus appears in sight on how to answer these questions. Patricia Derian, assistant secretary of state for human rights under Carter, describes the Reagan approach as "a deliberate policy of being anti-human rights."

Ms. Derian's successor, Elliott Abrams, seems to look on Ms. Derian as a human rights gadfly who made a lot of noise but had little clout during her four years in office. "Her personal views on human

rights were not the Carter administration policy," he says. "Therefore, we're being compared with some mythical paradise that never existed."

Abrams, 34, is a former head of the Harvard Chapter of the Liberal Americans for Democratic Action. He now embraces conservatism. Because of his mild manner, he generates fewer passions than did Reagan's first choice for assistant secretary, conservative academic Ernest Lefevre. Lefevre withdrew his name from consideration after an emotional confrontation with liberal senators during his confirmation hearings.

Much of the debate centers on the merits of quiet diplomacy, as opposed to the Carter administration's policy of publicly criticizing or imposing sanctions against governments it found violating human rights.

Abrams' theory is that foreign governments are more likely to cooperate with the United States on human rights issues if they are not subject to public ridicule. But Ms. Derian says quiet diplomacy is merely an administration cover for doing nothing. She claims she has "terrific sources" in the State Department who maintain there is no human rights dimension to administration policy.

"They're wrong," replies Abrams, who says foreign dictators are well aware the Reagan administration supports them. "There are a lot of critics who think, 'Oh, well, we're not doing anything behind the scenes in Korea.'

"I don't think there are many dissidents in Korea who believe that," he adds. "In fact, I wonder if

there are any dissidents in Korea who believe that."

Reagan does appear to have adopted a more benign attitude than Carter did in his dealings with some friendly but undemocratic regimes. Restrictions on aid have been eased to such countries as Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. White House visits have been made by South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan, Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos and Indonesian President Suharto. In each of these cases, the administration maintains there has been an improvement in human rights performance and that good will gestures by Washington reinforce this trend.

Abrams also insists his quiet approach has been more successful than the Carter administration's "because our public rhetoric has not antagonized so many governments and made them less likely to cooperate with us."

Derian says the administration is eager to befriend any number of dictators but is restrained from doing so by congressional pressure. A case in point is Guatemala, which has been denied military aid since 1977 on human-rights grounds but which is facing what the administration claims is a Cuban-backed insurgency.

Ms. Derian says the administration has been giving Guatemalan government advice on improving its international image while paying little heed to continued "death and destruction" in that country. Such a policy, she says, suggests the U.S. government "really doesn't care what you're doing; we just want you to find a way out of your had (public

relations) situation."

Abrams insists there has been an easing of political repression in Guatemala but that no final decision has been made on providing financial and military assistance. He also says there is not much point in arguing with Ms. Derian and her allies because they are "unpersuadable." (AP)

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 24th, the 328th day of 1982. There are 37 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1643 — Spanish Army forces French invaders to retire to Catalonia.

1861 — Barbed wire is patented by American Joseph F. Glidden.

1936 — Germany and Japan sign anti-Comintern Pact.

1942 — Germans suffer heavy losses in battle of Stalingrad in the Soviet Union in World War II.

1963 — Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of U.S. President John Kennedy, is shot to death by Jack Ruby in Dallas, Texas, jail.

1964 — Belgian paratroopers, Congolese Army and mercenaries recapture Stanleyville in the Congo from rebels.

1967 — Many foreigners on Cyprus move inland on the island, fearing an invasion by Turkey.

1972 — The United States and Thailand agree that the U.S. will maintain substantial military presence — mostly air power — in Thailand for unspecified period after any Vietnamese cease-fire.

1974 — U.S. President Gerald Ford and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, meeting in Vladivostok, reach tentative agreement to limit number of offensive strategic nuclear weapons.

1976 — Earthquake in eastern Turkey takes at least 574 lives, and government says it could be 3,000 or more.

1977 — Archeologist says tomb unexcavated near Salonia, Greece, is "without reservation" that of Macedonias King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great.

1979 — Government investigators say tens of thousands of U.S. servicemen in Vietnam may have been exposed to Agent Orange, a toxic herbicide linked to cancer, impotence and genetic damage.

1980 — U.S. Appeals Court dismisses multi-billion dollar damage suit filed in behalf of hundreds of Vietnam War Veterans exposed to the defoliant Agent Orange.

1981 — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt says he is persuaded that Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev wants arms reduction agreement with the United States.

Thought for today:  
The sooner every party breaks up, the better. — Jane Austen, English novelist (1775-1817)

## Israel rekindles sectarian feuds in Lebanon

By Colin Smith

CAIRO —

protect themselves against the Maronite Christians of the right-wing Phalangist militia who the Israelis first started to train and equip in 1976.

In southern Lebanon, Israel has been arming the mainly Greek Catholic militia of Maj. Saad Haddad since Israel's first invasion of Lebanon in 1978. When Israeli forces entered Lebanon this summer and ultimately besieged the Palestinian and Lebanese left-wing forces in West Beirut, it armed and uniformed some Shiite Muslims in the south.

Some Lebanese commentators see these moves as simple proof of Israel's desire to fuel religious differences so that there will always be factions who will welcome an Israeli military presence in the country. There have even been suggestions that the Israeli government would like Lebanon to break up into a mosaic of independent religious states, smaller versions of Israel itself.

The development of Israel's relations with the four groups seems to stem from a variety of motives. The Maronites were always predictable clients because, with the exception of pro-Syrian Franjebie clan, they are against an armed Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

The Shiites were part of the 1978 concept of establishing an accord sanguine across Israel's northern border. But the Druzes are a different matter. In Israel the Druzes, at the request of their leaders who are members of the Knesset, are the only Arabs to be conscripted into the Israeli Army.

The mountains were surprisingly quiet during the height of the civil war. There was an armed truce between the Druzes and the Maronites and compared to the mayhem in Beirut and elsewhere the Chouf was seen as an island of sanity.

The rekindling of the old feud that occurred after the Israeli invasion worried the Druzes in Israel who realized that their Lebanese cousins were almost defenseless. They put pressure on the Israeli cabinet to do something about it: the arms were issued and Israel had slipped deeper into the Lebanese miasma. (ONS)

*Ownership out of vogue*

# The rental business has come to stay

By Muhammed Haseeb Ullah

"Transience" is the order of the day. Our society is swept of its feet by the fast changes in social values, morality and environment. Neither Galbraith's exposition of economics define the "economics of rapid change" nor Bertrand Russell's social essays enlighten one on the catastrophic changes in society. But then we are here and now — like Cortes in Prescott's *The Conquest of Mexico*, though we do not know what awaits us in future.

Among the multifarious changes in society one thing stands out as a class by itself and that is the "rental revolution". The credit for coining the phrase should go to Alvin Toffler who devotes a complete chapter to this phenomenon in his classical book *Future Shock*.

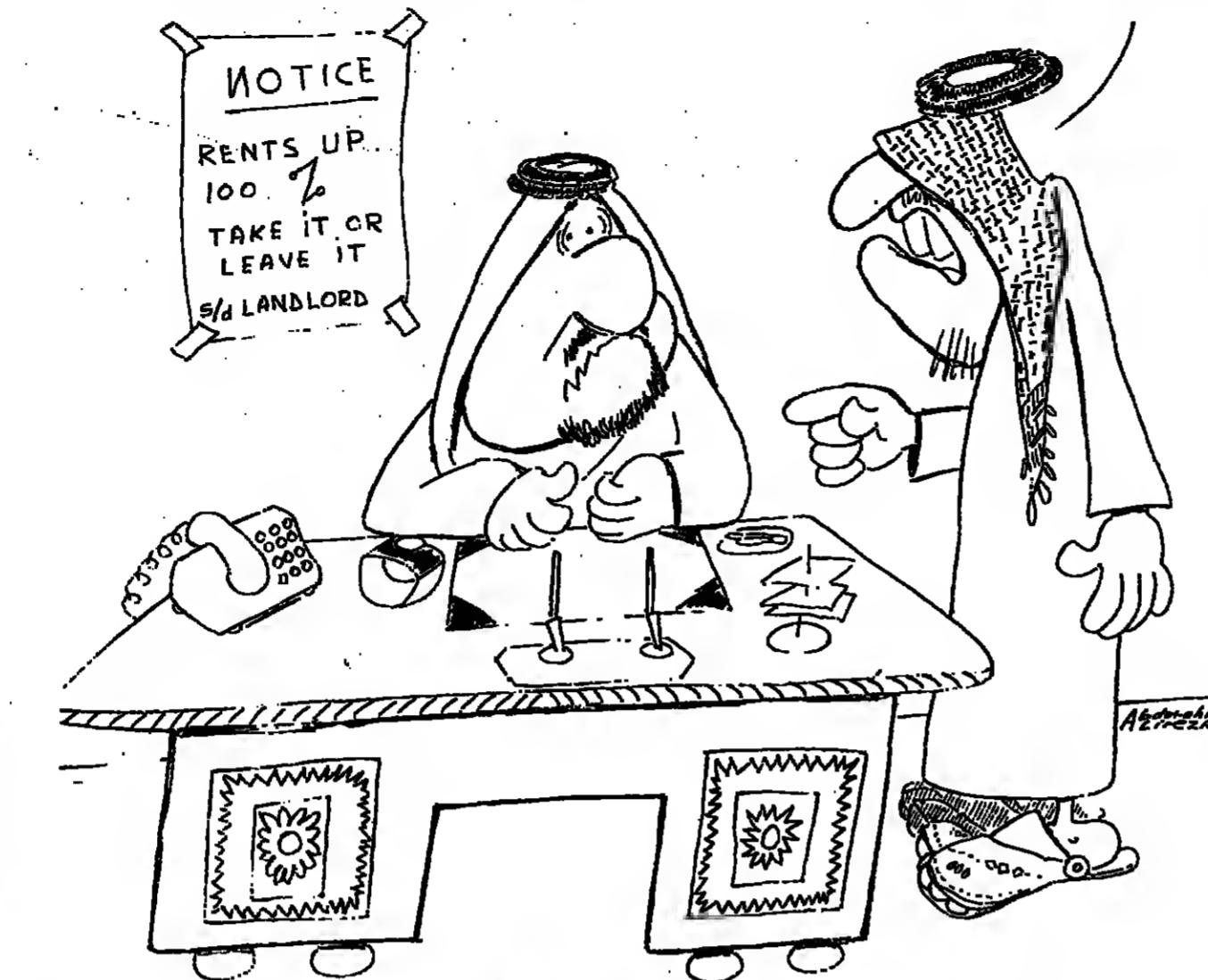
Though still in its infancy in the Middle East and Arabian countries, rentalism has been in vogue for decades in most of the Western world and surprisingly in many a "Third World country. In America one can now rent everything from shirts, jewelry, TV sets, cars to fountains, while in Bombay you can rent a "mob" either to instigate a strike or as a ready-made audience for a function. Car rentals may not be that popular in the Third World countries but two-wheeler rentals do a roaring business in Goa and Hyderabad in India.

Gone are the days of ownership—indeed one of the most significant rental business these days is in furniture. In the United States many a manufacturer or rental company furnishes an entire apartment for as little as \$50 a month which includes door-mats and ash-trays too! In other European countries too the rental fad is fast picking up. In Sweden, an advertisement read "Rent a Cow" while in Paris, a super market recently changed its entire business and now calls itself "The Super Rental Market".

Students from abroad and from neighboring cities find it convenient to hire a table, chair and cot to furnish their bachelor rooms in Bombay at negligible cost. In Kashmir and Switzerland you can rent a pair of trekking shoes and a wool coat if you intend taking a bit of altitude climbing.

Automobile rentals has a story of its own. Again the credit should go to the Americans who not only initiated but also carried it to several European countries and also to the Arabians. In recent years several car rental companies have sprung up in Saudi Arabia too. Car rentals have caught the imagination of people to such an extent that even established automobile manufacturers like Ford are contemplating starting their own rental business!

Renting of houses is centuries-old. Now almost everybody in the middle class wants either to take a house on rent or to "own a house". With the result that apartment buildings on rent and on "hire-purchase" have mushroomed in almost every cosmopolitan city whether New York, Paris, Bombay, Karachi, or even Tokyo. Another change in recent times is the stress on equipment rentals. You can now rent anything from tools to heavy earth moving equipment. Rapid industrialization, technological changes, research and development and basically the uncertain character of world currents and trends are responsible



for the spurt in equipment rentals. In Middle East and Saudi Arabia there are any number of equipment rental companies now also dealer companies taking up the additional responsibility of rental activity.

What is the reason for this change from ownership to rentalism? why do people increasingly patronize rentalism rather than permanent ownership? There are many reasons but basically it is due to the nature of impermanence in society, super industrialization, rapid changes, and transience. Rentalism shortens still further the relationships between man and the things he uses. Moreover, the rise of rentalism is, as William James puts it, "a move away from lives based on 'having' and it reflects the increase in doing and being". The people of future will live faster than us, thus they ought to be more flexible. We live much faster than our predecessors, we want the advantages of affluence and the most modern technological know-how, but not the responsibility which comes with "accumulation of possessions." We have recognized that to survive among the uncertainties of rapid change one must learn to travel light — hence the rental boom.

Another reason is the fast change in product brand and model. Japan, for example, produces a new model of car every alternate month. To keep abreast of the latest model, the latest fad, what better way than renting it? Any development has to pay its price. For example, a Caterpillar bulldozer produced in 1980 is outdated by a more sophisticated variety, manufactured by the same company in 1982. Gradually a time might come when money invested in buying a piece of equipment costing loads of money might become absolute. Hence more and more companies tend to go for rental equipment rather than buying them.

The renting business is dynamic. When you buy an article, the seller guarantees you free service and warranty but you are not sure whether you would get proper service and in-time — whereas in rental you are not the owner and the responsibility of service, and maintenance squarely lies on the rental company who would like to keep their units in top form to attract more clients.

Now let us consider the implications of the rental revolution? In the United States, millions of motorists rent automobiles from time to time. In many big cities where parking is either a herculean job or a nightmare people prefer renting an automobile to owning one.

As Toffler puts it, "a continuing swing toward rentalism could profoundly alter the balance of power between producer and

customer in many industries." A recent survey shows that Hertz and Avis of the U.S. operates a large fleet of autos and makes purchases on such a large scale that it can now dictate price, design and service concessions to the manufacturers.

An ordinary producer may not put too great an emphasis on what happens to his product after it is sold, but those who rent equipment are responsible for servicing it and they in turn demand more reliability of the product from the producer. The economics of rentalism raises the quality of products and relieves the consumer of the problems of breakdown, service and maintenance.

Another area where the impact of rentalism is felt very strongly is technology. The company which sells the product gets rid of it once and for all but the one which rents it has the product dumped back in its lap sooner or later. Thus a lot of development and research is directed to make the products as sophisticated and long lasting as possible. The financial structure of a society is also indirectly affected by rentalism. The flow of capital changes and what we see emerging before our eyes now in a new class which has everything but owns nothing.

## The good shepherds of the Eastern Province

By Jean Grant

HOFUF — Every Thursday morning right after they have said their dawn prayers, the sons of the desert round up the sheep and goats, their donkeys and camels. With much baa-ing, bleating and four-footed commotion, they are hustled into the back of pickup trucks and speed off to the thousand-year-old city of Hofuf for the weekly animal market. Staff in hand, some shepherds lead their flocks on foot across the sands to the crowded marketplace.

Hundreds of buyers and curious idlers crowd the marketplace which is the size of two football fields. Many come to socialize and hear news from the other tribes. This weekly market remains a gathering place for the local tribes today even as it was decades ago when Hofuf was the capital of the Eastern Province. These lean bearded men with clear-cut features greet each other with great dignity. Worry beads dangle from their hands as they exchange information. Everywhere the red-and-white check of the ghutra head-dress brightens the early morning scene. Some shepherds wrap the fleece-lined farwa cloak round them to ward off the cool autumnal winds. One wears a purple shawl with broad grey stripes. There are few women in the marketplace, and no Little Bo-Peeps but the sons are out in force, helping their fathers. Market day is a place for business and hard bargaining, but it also gives the tribesmen a chance to rub shoulders with the settled folk of the oasis.

At the livestock end of the marketplace, flocks of sheep are herded into circles. There they await their fate in docile silence, though probably won't come home wagging their tails behind them.

Although the traditional staffs and rods are still on sale in the several shepherds' stalls in Hofuf's covered market, few are in fact seen here. One dallas, the man in charge of the dalls, whacks a yearling with a length of pink plastic piping to get her to rise so that a protective buyer can inspect her feet, udders and teeth. All is well and the sweet innocent is justled away. In another flock a ram casually ups an ewe. Ali, a local shepherd who prefers to sell his livestock himself instead of paying the dallas a commission, looks in vain for a buyer for his flock of 60. Back in his camp he has another 50. Malish, he says, "It does not matter." He will load them

in back of the pick-up trucks and cart them off to greener pastures.

The shepherds are a happy lot. They have been granted one of the traditional ten wishes of the Bedouin. The fifth wish of the Bedouin according to the traditional chant is for "so many sheep that even the shepherd can hardly count them; because the more sheep I won, the more guests I can entertain in my house of hair."

On the surface it does not seem an enviable life. Twenty-five-year-old Ali admits that herding sheep does not provide a secure livelihood, what with the possibility of drought, disease and changing market prices. In the same breath, however, he claims that his life is good and praises God; then he beams from ear to ear as he gives one of his tatty-fleeced sheep a great bear hug. "As long as men like lamb, we will eat," he says.

Ali is especially happy because of the recent heavy rains. The wells and water holes will now have water in abundance. "After two months," says this tribesman from the Bani Khalid tribe, "there will be much grass. My sheep will grow fat." Even when rainfall is scant, morning dew moistens every blade of grass and the grazing is good. Ali supplements this with a twice-daily ration of grain. Today he will buy some from the vans, piled high with sacks of feed, on the outskirts of the marketplace, and no Little Bo-Peeps but the sons are out in force, helping their fathers.

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Sheep endure both the chill of the desert nights as well as the heavy heat of summer. Thanks to the desert sands, they suffer little of the smelly foot rot that plagues their fellows in wetter climates. Like sheep everywhere, however, the more adventurous ones stray too far. Over and again the herdsmen must count their sheep, and then count them yet again, and bring back to the fold the ones that have wandered off.

Shortly after 8 a.m. the first expatriate tourists arrive at the marketplace. They are in fact not much interested in the sheep. What they have come to see is the most prestigious animals of the desert, the camels. These beasts groan and grind their teeth, kicking, biting and spitting; they would far rather be.



HOFUF MARKET: The shepherd's gear stall at the Hofuf weekly market in the Eastern Province.

on the desert, peacefully searching for a bit of tasty camel thorn here on display, as it were. For the passers-by. Only one hobby camel has the docility of the sheep. It stands on spindly legs, velvet eyes glistening behind its long droopy eyelashes.

Some entrepreneurs among the bedouin hawk camel rides to the expats: SR5 to mount the beast while friends snap your picture. As the camel jolts to its feet, the expat yells in fear of being thrown backwards. Moment later the creature flops down on its front legs, sending the expat careening forward in the saddle and yelling again. Once safely back on his own two feet, however, he says he wouldn't have missed the ride for the world.

To get to the camel market, pass the modern supermarket at the entrance to Hofuf. Turn right at the secondary Vocational School. The animal market is on your right just after you pass the Hofuf railway station.

Al's sheep are all of Turkish blood, he feels that the best sheep are the Neidi variety from near Riyadh. One of these can sell for as much as SR1,200 although the going price for the more common sort weighing 25 to 30 kilos is only SR 400-700.

Sheep in Arabia are now valued primarily for their meat, but a few women of Hofuf still spin the soft hanks of sheep wool into yarbo for sale in the city's covered souq. Some of these big black balls of wool are snapped up by tourists, but shepherds say that it is "only seldom" that their womenfolk now make the traditional weavings from the sheep's wool. Ali estimated that only 50% sheared the wool of their sheep.

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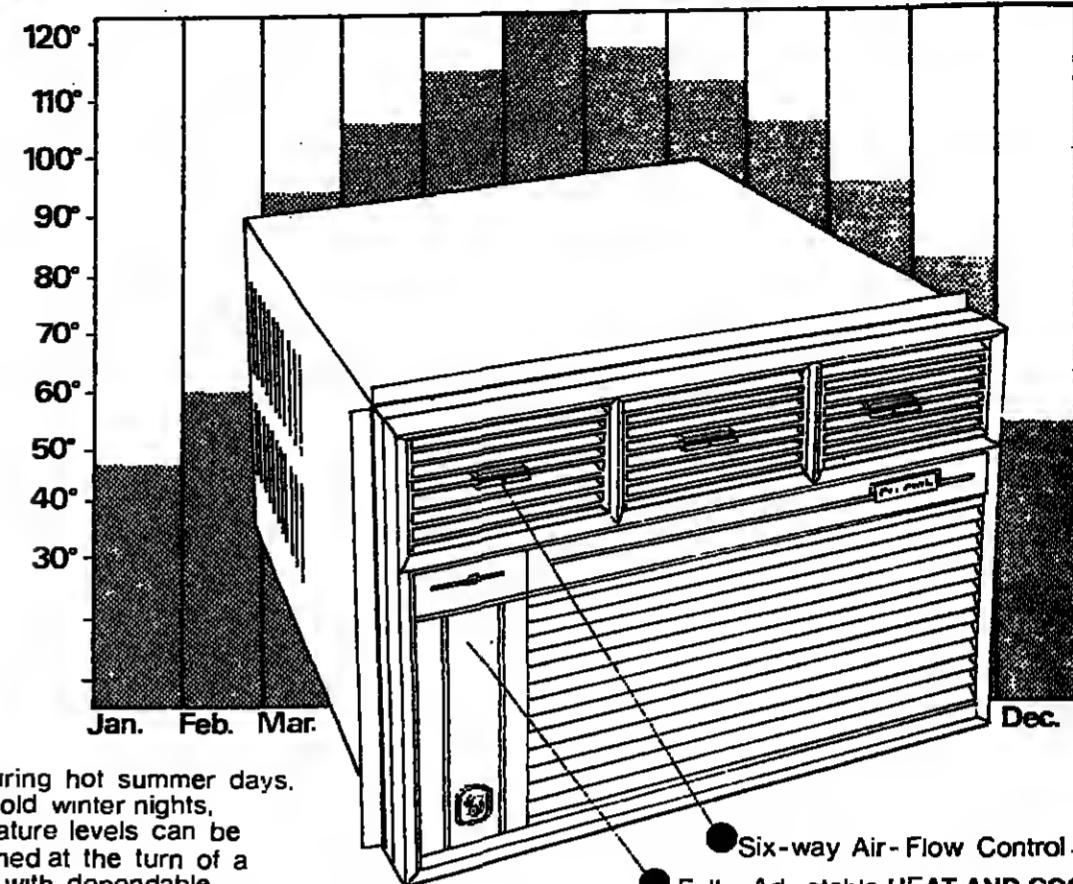
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6 years after completion

# Controversial dam pays rich dividends to Pakistan

By Muhammad Ziauddin

ISLAMABAD (Depthnews) — written off by its critics as a dangerous experiment in national development, the Tarbela dam on the Indus River has survived its worst moments and now supplies Pakistan with 2.5 billion rupees (\$206.6 million) worth of irrigation water and electricity annually.

Completed in 1977, the world's largest man-made earth-rock-filled dam triggered widespread anxiety over its safety factors and the huge financial burden it would create for the country. When it was completed, the final bill hit 15 billion rupees (\$1.2 billion). Structural problems that cropped up during the construction did not help soothe people's apprehensions about the long-term safety of the project.

At one time, the seepage from the dam was measured at 500 cubic meters per second (cusecs) but this has been controlled to around 50 cusecs. Another major problem was the emergence of skinholes during the late stages of construction. In 1975, a total of 440 skinholes were noted.

Engineers had admitted that a substantial increase in the number of skinholes would have triggered the collapse of the main dam. But Pakistani engineers have successfully remedied the deterioration of the structure with the help of foreign dam-experts. Then when the dam was completed, the engineers realized that the water discharged from the water jets of 40 million horsepower was enough to tear the two spillways into pieces.

It was decided that the energy-generating component of the project would not be harvested to preserve the spillways. The power generated by the two structures would have been enough to energize the entire subcontinent.

Extensive protective work was undertaken on the service spillway and the auxiliary spillway. After nine months, work on the spillways was completed.

In sum, the spillways were closed for two years. Since its opening, the spillways have discharged up to 400,000 cusecs. Asif Kazi, the project manager, told Depthnews that the structures are now operating without any hitches.

Situated about 50 miles northwest of Islamabad, the Tarbela dam is close to paying in full its own way. Government officials said that six years after its completion direct benefits from the project have already reached about 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the structure.

The major components are the main dam, two auxiliary dams, two spillways, five tunnels and a power station. The main dam is 9,000 feet long and 493 feet high. It extends from one bank of the Indus River to the other at its widest. Water flowing from the two spillways on the left bank goes to a nearby French valley. Also on the left bank are two auxiliary dams.

At the foot of the main dam on the left bank is a powerhouse with an initial generating capacity of 1,200 megawatts. This will be increased to 1,300 megawatts starting this month. Government officials said that if everything goes according to plan, the generating capacity of the powerhouse would

be increased to 3,300 megawatts, or more than the combined capacity of existing power houses in the country.

The Tarbela Lake is about 80 kilometers long and can store up to 11.3 million acre feet of water. Last August, the reservoir was filled to its maximum conservation level of 1,550 million acre feet (maf) to build up the water level in the lake. There is now an adequate water in the lake to ensure uninterrupted power supply and irrigation water during the forthcoming dry season.

Between 1973 and 1981 the Tarbela dam supplied 50.16 mcf of irrigation water worth billions of rupees. Approximately 3,000 different instruments monitored the behavior of the main dam and its related structures. These instruments range from seepage and water pressure measuring devices to strainmeters, load cells, accelerometers for recording earth vibrations.

Kazi said that except for minor problems, "there is absolutely no concern as far as the safety of the dam is concerned." Besides the spillways, there are five low-level water outlets through the tunnels. Of the five tunnels, four are fully operational.

The Tarbela dam project is the last component of the Indus basin settlement plan under the Indus Water Treaty signed in 1960 between India and Pakistan. The project was arranged by the World Bank. Before the completion of the dam, Pakistan has been fully dependent on rivers that pass through India for irrigation. These rivers are the Sutlej, the Bias and the Ravi.

Pakistan feared that disruptions in the two countries' relations could lead to the closure of the water outlets, and Pakistan would be the worse for it. After the treaty signing, the Tarbela dam project was approved by the World Bank in 1967. Soon after, the Harza Engineering Company International was commissioned to undertake the feasibility study of the project.

Harza was also appointed consultants to the Water and Power Authority of Pakistan which drew up the contract documents and prepared the detailed design of the project. Tarbela Joint Venture, a consortium of three French and three Italian firms, won the contract to undertake the feasibility study of the dam construction.

In 1968, seven more companies from West Germany and Switzerland joined the consortium. The Indus River is known as *Akashen* or the "Father of All Rivers." It originates in Tibet and flows 1,800 miles out into the Arabian Sea. The river drains about 372,000 square miles, passing through some of the world's highest mountain ranges and widest flatlands and glaciers.

At Tarbela, its annual flow is estimated at 65 million acre feet and a catchment area of 70,000 square miles. The catchment area comprises seven of the world's 10 highest peaks, and barring the polar zone, seven of the glaciers situated in the Indus catchment rank among the largest in the world.

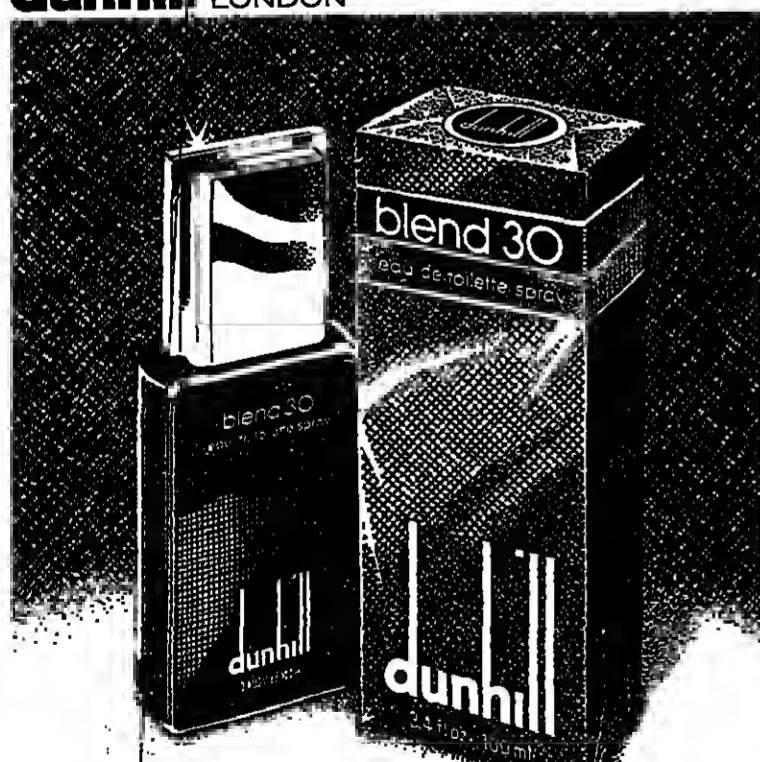
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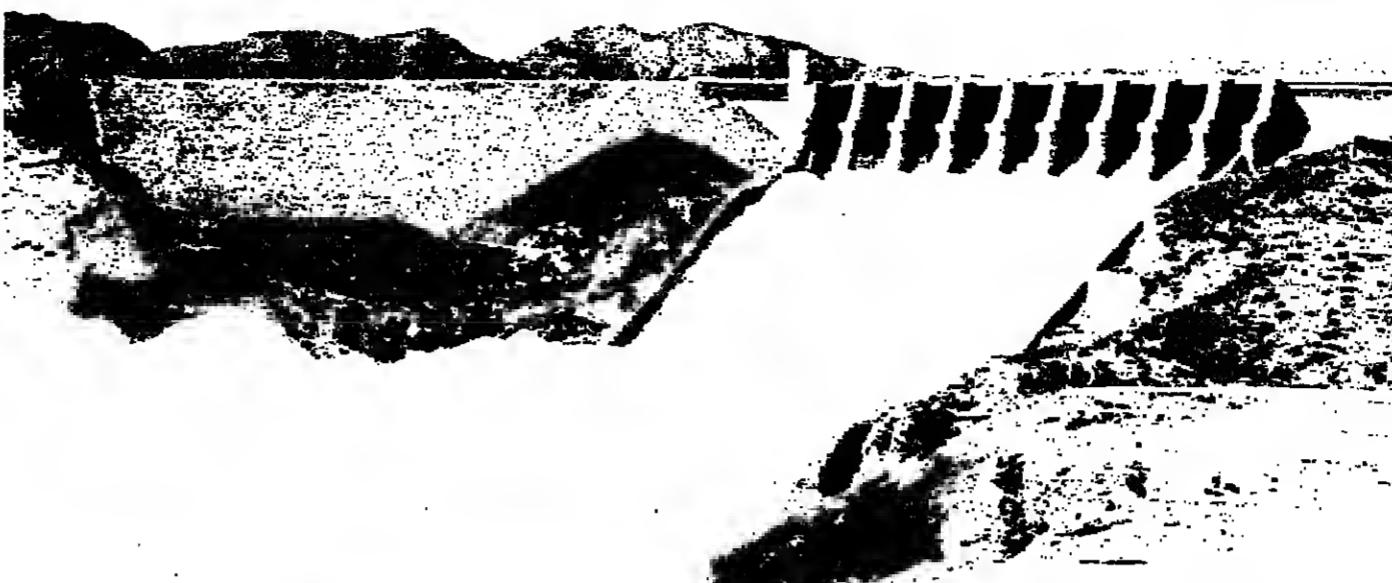


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### Haven for outcasts and refugees

## Amsterdam sliding toward anarchy

By Peter Millership

AMSTERDAM (R)—Amsterdam, long a tolerant haven for outcasts and refugees, is now paying the price in riots, decay and crime. Vicious street fighting between youths and police, often sparked by minor incidents, has repeatedly flared in the center of the city, and crime is on the increase.

Elegant buildings along the once-tranquil canals are scarred by graffiti and a growing army of squatters is encamped in hundreds of buildings. In some areas, people leave their cars unlocked to enable drug addicts, held responsible for much street crime, to search for supplies without smashing open doors and windows.

Some commentators argue that the city's problems are the result of major population changes in the past 10 years. These have left it with large ethnic minority groups and a native population polarized between the very young and the very old. Others blame the city's left-wing city council for being too lax, but mayor Wim Polak sees things differently. "The roots of Amsterdam's problems lie in the economic recession," he says. Polak lists unemployment, a chronic housing shortage, the integration of minorities and drug-related crime as the key problems facing Amsterdam.

Unemployment has reached 12 percent as the city's traditional industries, such as ship-

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**Bigest dam  
in the world  
goes abegging**

By Jan Rocha

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL — The world is full of energy white elephants as a result of the international economic slump — power plants and hydroelectric schemes that are suddenly unneeded because of the fall in demand.

Now the biggest white elephant of them all has joined the herd, courtesy of two South American presidents, Gen. Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay and Gen. Joao Figueiredo of Brazil.

Built on the Parana River, which forms the frontier between the two countries, the hydroelectric dam of Itaipu dwarfs the world's other dams. Twelve million cubic meters of concrete went into building the dam wall, as high as a 6-story building. Twenty-nine billion cubic meters of water are pent up behind it.

When Itaipu's 18 turbines are all installed by 1988, they will produce 12.6 million kilowatts of electricity, six times as much as Egypt's Aswan dam. Up to 40,000 men labored eight years to build the dam, whose cost has doubled from \$7 billion to \$14 billion since work began. The social and ecological costs have also been huge. Hundreds of farmers have been evicted, leaving millions of acres of arable land to be flooded.

A tribe of Indians, the Avazurani, were forced to move to higher, barren land. Thousands of wild animals had to be rescued from the rapidly rising waters. The beautiful cataracts of Sete Quedas have disappeared.

Brazil, like the rest of the world, is in the throes of a serious economic recession and instead of needing more energy, it already has too much. When Itaipu was planned, demand for electricity was expected to rise 11 percent a year; instead it has risen less than 4 percent.

This year there is a surplus of 2.6 million kilowatts, and when the first Itaipu turbines are switched on in March 1983, the surplus will become embarrassingly large, so the Brazilians are not even planning to link Itaipu to the national grid until the end of 1983.

But the Brazilian government is not unduly worried because Itaipu is as much a political project as an economic one. It is no coincidence that the man who heads the binational consortium that built it is a general, Jose Costa Cabral, tipped as a presidential contender when General Figueiredo steps down in 1985.

The dam, upstream on a river that then flows south to form one of Argentina's main waterways, gives the Brazilians complete control over the volume of water in the river.

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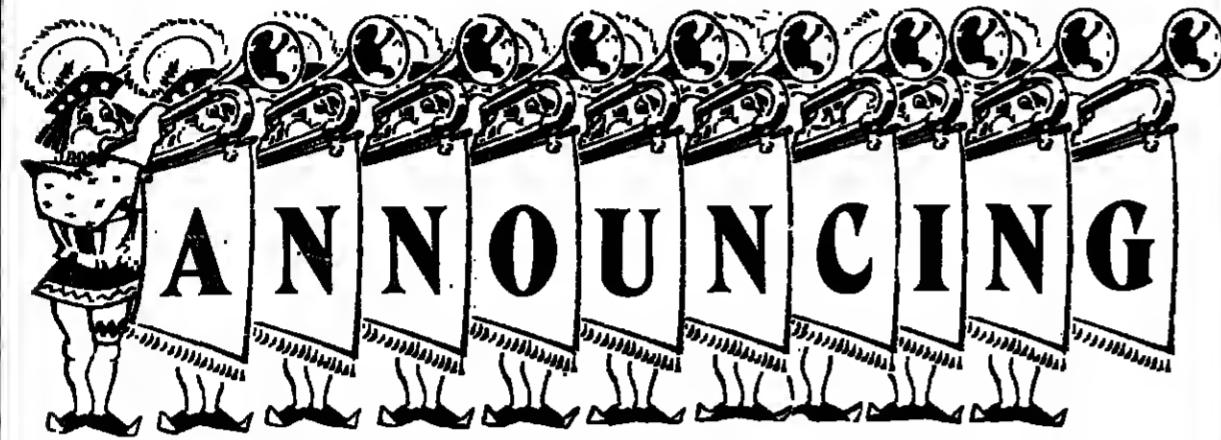
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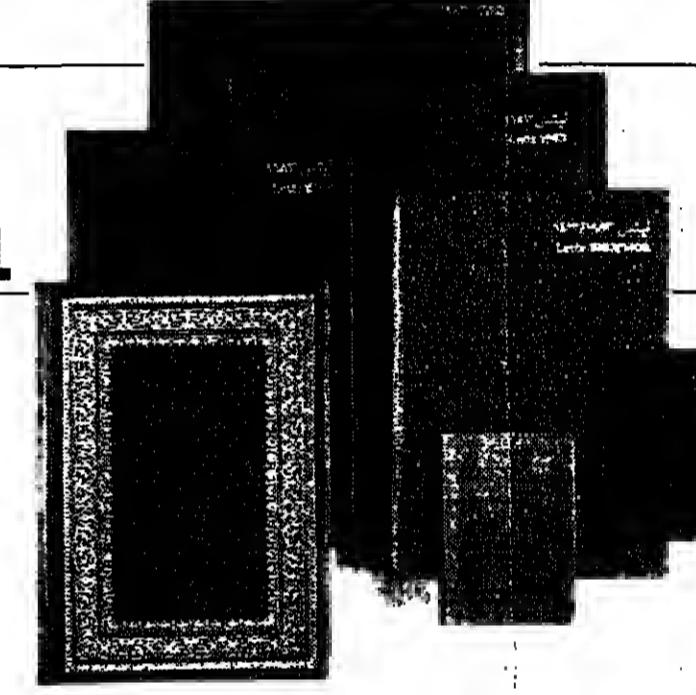
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*Despite social prejudices*

# China makes big strides in leprosy control

By Wei Wei

**PEKING** (Depthnews) — For millennia, the leper, with his brutalities and ghastly visage, has been the most reviled and despised of all men, no less in China than anywhere else in the world.

Since the 1950s, by a combination of sharply improved living conditions and sophisticated new medicines which can cure the disease in nearly all cases, China has significantly reduced its number of leprosy patients from 300,000 to less than 200,000 today. It hopes to eradicate the malady by the year 2000.

Chinese doctors are beginning to challenge the age-old policy of isolating lepers in remote villages that underscores their rejection by other men, and to all instead for a place to be made for lepers in normal society.

The fact that leprosy is easily communicable than many other contagious diseases, and because of important advances in the studies of microbes and immunity and the use of combination drugs have made the segregation of leprosy patients no longer necessary.

"The task facing us is tremendous," says Li Huanying, a leprosy specialist at Peking Tropical Medicine Research Institute. "But so long as we persist in controlling the sources of infection with active casefinding and early treatment, we will certainly make faster progress than we did before. Before we stressed

controlling the disease itself, but now we should pay equal attention to the well-being of patients."

She points out that when a person was sent to a leprosy hospital or village, it usually meant the disintegration of his family, discrimination against his family members, and the loss of his job. With such prospects in view, patients might go into hiding rather than show up for medical care, and thus became sources of further infection.

"The fear of leprosy among the Chinese is probably more deep-rooted than in any other nation in the world. The elimination of such a prejudice — which exists even among some health workers — is fundamental to leprosy control," Professor Li says.

"So long as the patients are under treatment, it's best to let them stay in the community and continue their normal life. A shoemaker or a watch-repairer, for instance, should be allowed to continue his job, and school-age patients should be allowed to attend school with their normal classmates," she says. "Since it will take a long time to overcome the age-old prejudice, health workers are required to keep the diagnosis and condition of the patients under treatment a secret, if necessary."

In 1949, nearly all of China's 500,000 lepers were found south of the Yangtze River, in coastal areas, and in the southwest where various minority groups live. By the mid-

1950s, a massive leprosy control campaign was instituted, which by the end of the decade had set up a large number of specialized hospitals and leprosy villages (a total of 60,000 beds) mainly to serve patients suffering from the infectious strain of the disease. The less infectious type of patients were, from the start, put in out-patient care under the supervision of local skin clinics or specially trained workers.

In Guangdong province, South China, there were more than 90,000 lepers in 1949. After over 30 years of systematic control efforts, the number has dropped to just 9,000 today. In coastal Shandong province, the number has dropped from 50,000 to 2,000.

In a very high proportion of cases, methodical treatment with a drug known as "Dapsone," or "DDS," effects a full and permanent cure. According to Professor Li, three months of treatment with DDS will kill more than 90 percent of the leprosy-causing bacilli within the body. Irregular dosage, however, will only promote a resistance to the drug, she warns.

Several other drugs are also used to combat leprosy, including rifampicin, cozaflamamide, ethionamide and prothionamide. Combined treatment with two or more such drugs is usually advocated. Experiments have been made with traditional Chinese medicines, but none has yet been found to be more effective than DDS. Rates of relapse in China appear

to vary from 1 percent to about 5 percent, depending on the regularity and adequacy of treatment.

Contrary to popular belief, leprosy is not highly infectious, and its rate of transmission is much lower than that of tuberculosis, for example. Of the two principal types of leprosy, tuberculoid and lepromatous, only the latter is considered dangerous to others.

Generally speaking, more than 95 percent of the general population is immune to leprosy. Among the rest, contact with infectious cases is required for the disease to spread. In the last 30 years, not one of China's more than 10,000 leprosy workers has contracted leprosy from patients.

Leprosy is caused by a germ known as *Mycobacterium leprae*. Precisely how it enters the body is not definitely known. It is evidently discharged from the mucous of lepromatous patients or from their open sores, and may be either inhaled or spread through contact with open lesions.

Experiments have shown, however, that the bacillus, after leaving the body, can survive for less than two days at most, and when exposed to normal summer sunlight will lose its capacity multiply within a few hours. Lepromatous patients usually have a normal life span, and rarely die of the disease itself.

Physical response to the bacillus occurs in the deeper layers of the skin and in the peripheral nerves. In the tuberculoid type of leprosy, a reddish patch may appear on the skin. In some cases, it continues to spread, and attacks the peripheral nerve trunks and causes loss of muscle power, in addition to a loss of sensitivity to temperature and pain.

This condition most commonly begins in the forearm or lower leg, and may eventually lead to claw-hand and drop-foot. It may also produce paralysis of the facial muscles, making the patient unable to close his eyes or to whistle. Because of this physical insensitivity, minor injuries may pass unnoticed. Eventually, large ulcers may form, followed by the loss of fingers, toes and even vision.

In the lepromatous strain, the bacillus multiplies freely deep in the affected skin. Nerve damage is late and widespread. If untreated, the disease may damage the eyes and nose and produce a thickening and loosening of facial skin, ultimately bringing about a "leonine" appearance.

The earlier leper colony in China was founded in mid-19th century, about 100 years before the first leprosy hospital appeared in England. However, the beginning of effective control work only began with the integration of leprosy control programs into the network of county, commune, and production brigade medical installations that was developed in the 1950s. Nearly every province now has its own specialized institute for skin disease control.

# Another Look

## A super secret meeting of top U.S. Democrats

By Robert Yoakum

difference between a filibuster and a filibeted flounder.

"Mr. Brown pointed out that there wasn't much they could do about indifference, ignorance, or campaign funds, but there was something they could do about candidates. If the public likes having an actor as president why shouldn't the Democrats groom one for 1988? They couldn't win an actor in 1984, he said, because he or she would first have to win an elective office, just as Reagan did in California."

"It was decided that Mr. Brown would be authorized to approach Democrats like Alan Alda, Warren Beatty, Paul Newman, Gregory Peck, and Robert Redford in an effort to get one or all to run for public office in 1984. It was agreed that voters were not yet ready for a female president, even an actress. However, the following should be urged to run for office with an eye to the vice presidency in 1988: Carol Burnett, Jill Clayburgh, Jane Fonda, Shirley MacLaine (thus not her brother Warren Beatty runs), and Meryl Streep."

"Ms. White added the name of Christie Hefner, president of Playboy Enterprises, who was a delegate to the 1980 Democratic convention. Although not an actress, Ms. Hefner had several advantages: intelligence (honors graduate of Brandeis University, one of the nation's toughest), money (millions), youth (29), physical attractiveness, a household name looked on favorably by many males, and a reputation among women as a feminist."

"Ms. White's suggestion generated great enthusiasm."

"Mr. Brown was instructed to discuss the presidency or vice presidency with Ms. Hefner."

"Ms. Gray said that she wasn't against preparing for 1988, but suggested that plans had to be made, and soon, for the 1984 presidential election. Could it be, she asked, that her colleagues were trying to avoid the issue?"

"Mr. Green said that he, too, sensed a reluctance to face up to 1984. Was that because Reagan might run again?"

"Mr. Brown said he didn't see why that would be a problem. The Democrats have several outstanding candidates who could beat Reagan, don't they?"

"After a silence of two or three minutes the chairman suggested that the group adjourn and meet again in two weeks."

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By Peter J.

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(Replies to and from readers).

**For Mrs. V.** What you have been hearing is true. Down's Syndrome (formerly called mongolism) seems to be on the decline. One estimate is that Down's syndrome births in the United States have decreased from 5,741 in 1960 to 3,291 in 1978.

It is probably due to the fact that older women are no longer having as many babies. This syndrome is more common in babies whose mothers give birth over the age of 40.

Down's syndrome, named after its discoverer, an English physician Joseph Langdon Down, is caused by an abnormality in either the number or structure of chromosomes.

**For Mrs. C.** Systolic hypertension occurs in about 30 percent of elderly women and 18 percent of elderly men. Therefore, this rise in systolic blood pressure should not be considered a normal process of aging.

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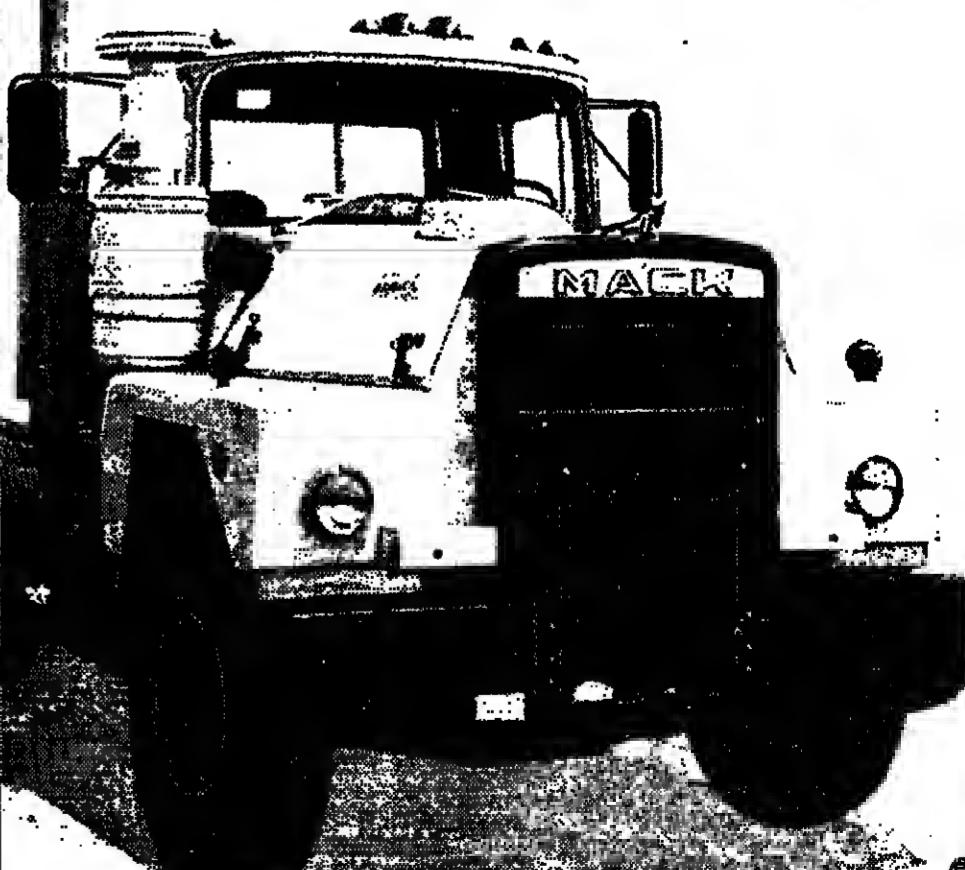
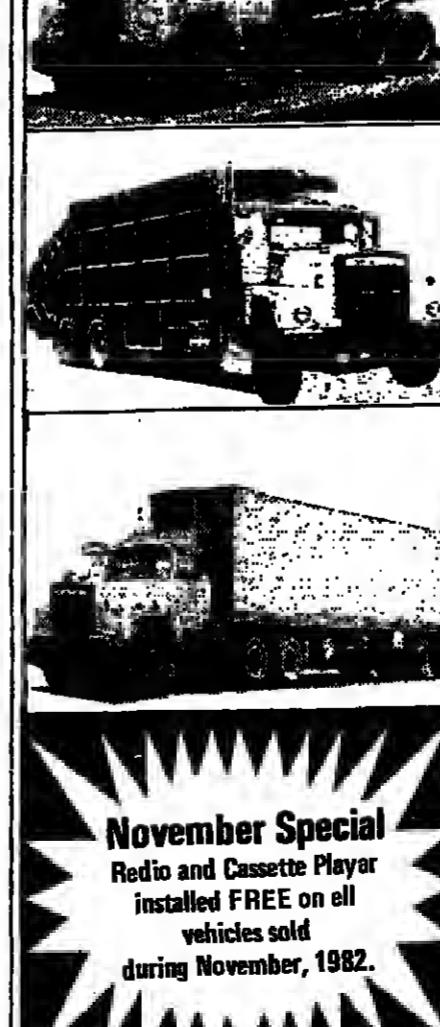
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## States reach accord on hiking IMF funds

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (R) — The major industrial countries have agreed to substantially increase the resources of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) because of the severe debt problems of the Third World, monetary sources have said.

Only a few months ago, the United States was resisting any significant rise in IMF quotas, contributions by member countries, because it felt it would merely boost inflation.

But monetary and Reagan administration sources said Monday that the industrial countries had negotiated a deal under which the IMF's resources could be increased by as much as \$50 billion.

The IMF currently has about \$20 billion in resources it can use until 1985. But the leaders of industrial countries fear these funds might not prove sufficient in the face of the Third World's debt problems.

The sources said the resolution of the IMF resource question could have a settling effect on international financial markets and on bankers concerned about the strain on the world's monetary system caused by the difficulties facing developing countries.

Developing countries are estimated to have total foreign debts of around \$500 billion. Mexico and Argentina have sought nearly \$6 billion in assistance from the fund this year and other heavily indebted nations, such as Brazil, could ask for substantial IMF loans in the near future.

Monetary sources said negotiators from

**Nigeria boosts investment**

LAGOS, Nov. 23 (AFP) — The Nigerian budget presented two weeks ago to parliament by President Alhaji Shehu Shagari gives priority in certain fields of development and, despite a sharp drop from the 1981 figure, it provides for increased investment.

Nigeria is hard hit by sluggish oil sales, and is refusing to agree to conditions laid down by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) including devaluation of the naira. But it appears to have slowed down some of its spending in order to trim its foreign currency requirements.

The steel sector, for example, will obtain some 40 percent less than what was allocated to it last year. This is interpreted as a deliberate wish to slow down work on the Ajakuta plant now being erected by a Soviet consortium.

Track laying of the big contract for an international gauge railway between the south eastern port of Harcourt and the Ajakuta steelworks has similar significance, it is generally felt.

However, President Shagari said Nigeria would continue investing in oil and petrochemicals. It will go ahead with setting up a

**U.S., Taiwan set to expand trade**

TAIPEI, Nov. 23 (CNA) — The three-day 10th joint annual conference of the ROC-US and the U.S.-ROC economic councils, which ended recently, will help businessmen from the Republic of China and the United States further strengthen their trade and economic cooperation in the future.

At a news conference C.F. Koo, chairman of the ROC-US council, said meeting has opened new channels for trade and economic exchanges among businessmen of the two countries. This will pave the way for future closer bilateral ties in the field of trade and economy and technical cooperation, he added.

David Kennedy, chairman of the U.S.-ROC council, said American participants were deeply impressed with the progress made here and they were anxious to bolster trade and economic ties with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

He believed the new economic policies by the Reagan administration will result in a balanced budget, lower interest rates and active market in the United States in the near future.

**Cleaning river to cost U.K.\$ 3b**

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 23 (R) — Britain will spend two billion sterling (\$3.2 billion) to clean up its most polluted river, the Mersey. Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine has said.

He told reporters it would take at least 20 years to clean up what he described as "the open sewer of the northwest." "If we do not grasp this opportunity, later generations will not find it easy to forgive us," he added.

More than 60 million gallons (273 million liters) of sewage and industrial waste are tipped each year into the river, which flows through the industrial areas surrounding Liverpool and Manchester.

The River Thames, which passes through London and was so polluted 30 years ago that nothing could live in it, now supports salmon after a lengthy clean-up campaign.

**Canada firm 'gains from unfair subsidy'**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — The Quebec firm Bombardier Inc. benefited from unfair subsidies by Canada's government in winning a contract to make 825 subway cars for New York City, the U.S. Commerce Department ruled Monday.

This "preliminary ruling" might lead the U.S. government to levy compensatory duties when the cars are imported.

A Commerce Department investigation is in progress following a complaint lodged by Bombardier's U.S. competitor Budd Co., which failed to win the \$650 million New York contract.

The Commerce Department stated that Canada's export development agency aided Bombardier's bid by offering \$500 million in credit at a low interest rate of 9.7 percent. Private trade loans in Canada were alleged to bear 18 percent interest last June.

## Tourists to U.S. drop by 9 percent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (API) — The number of foreign visitors to this country will decline in 1982 for the first time in 20 years, according to Peter McCoy, U.S. undersecretary of commerce for travel.

McCoy's prediction was made in a press statement after figures were published by the Commerce Department showing a 9 percent decline in the first three quarters of the year compared with the same period in 1981. There was a 12 percent fall-off in the summer quarter.

Foreign visitors totaled 15.8 million for the nine months, compared with 18.3 million in the first nine months of last year. The sharpest drop was in visitors from Mexico, where there have been restrictions on taking dollars out of the country. Travel by Mexicans was off 25 percent in the spring quarter and 41 percent in the summer.

There were also what the Commerce Department called significant reductions in the number of travelers from Britain, West Germany, France and Canada.

### 3rd World seen getting poorer

ROME, Nov. 23 (AP) — The head of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said that developing countries are piling up more debt and getting poorer.

Edouard Saouma, the FAO director-general, said the developing countries in 1981 as a whole suffered a drop in their gross national products for the first time since the 1950s. Saouma, a Lebanese, addressed the opening session of the FAO's 49-nation council, the organization's highest governing body.

"In fact, we can see what amounts to progressive impoverishment of the already poor Third World," he said. "Their indebtedness, their dependence on food imports and their unfavorable terms of trade have been exacerbated over the last few years to the extent that their overall situation is worse than it was a generation ago."

The president and his government, facing a general election next July, are going ahead with schemes seen as of benefit to the general population. These include the drilling of a large number of water wells in addition to land, air and sea transport programs. The highways budget is maintained, and the budget allocation for air and sea services is up. However, these programs will not produce results until after the election.

Meanwhile, the police budget has more than doubled, and that of the army is up, about 50 percent. This is seen as a gesture to two forces that will be influential at election year.

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## Facing cut-price fares

### African airlines unite to fight competition

NAIROBI, Nov. 23 (LOS) — African airlines have joined together to fight what they see as unfair competition from large international carriers.

Blaming the collapse of airline profits on the United States' move to "deregulation" in 1978, the 30-member African Airlines Association says it believes stiff competition resulting in half-empty flights and cut-price fares is unsuited to conditions in Africa where small airlines have an obligation to operate over largely unprofitable routes.

With the support of the Organization of African Unity, AFRAA's member airlines have already organized a pool for spare parts, and have established standard specifications for aircraft and standard training procedures — all with the aim of reducing operating costs. Some airlines have pooled resources

for the joint purchase of fuel, insurance cover, maintenance and station handling.

AFRAA's eventual aim is to have one giant airline for the whole of Africa but some of its members regard this as "an impossible dream." They base their reservations on the fact that whereas there were about half-a-dozen thriving regional airlines a decade or so ago, only one survives — the multinational Air Afrique, with headquarters in Ivory Coast and serving nine West African States.

Other regional groupings, including West African Airways, East African Airways and Central African Airways, are all defunct, mainly because their member states left out after several years of successful operations.

Nearly all African airlines are state-owned and operated. The largest are Egyptian, Royal Air Maroc, Air Afrique and Ethiopian.

Justifying its call for stronger regulatory policies for African routes, AFRAA says: "Haphazard expansion could be extremely detrimental to the growth of African aviation. When a country allows deregulation, such a step automatically affects the operation of all airlines within that area for the worse."

"Premature free competition" might bring low fares for a time, says AFRAA's traffic director, El-Amin Zarrouq, but ultimately it would result in "high prices and poor services typical of monopolies."

The main problem of airline operation in Africa is that north-south routes are profitable and well-patronized because they link up with Europe, but routes across Africa from east to west are poorly served.

## Freight rates looking up

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AFP) — The tendency for higher rates being paid on the freight market became more noticeable last week as reports circulated of further Soviet buying of U.S. grain together with increased Japanese and Communist Chinese inquiries.

The most noteworthy improvement was in the U.S. Gulf-Japan grain trade where 30,000-tonners were paid \$20 a ton and, in one unconfirmed contract, \$21.25 (the highest since June) compared with \$17.75 the week before.

This sharp rise was "necessary", charterers were told, to persuade ship owners to allow vessels to go to an area where there is a huge surplus of shipping and very low rates.

The larger "Panamax" (60,000-tonner) capable of transiting the Panama Canal, in the same trade, were negotiating for \$15 for December loading (up \$1 on the November payments) apart from one isolated instance when \$17 was said to have been agreed.

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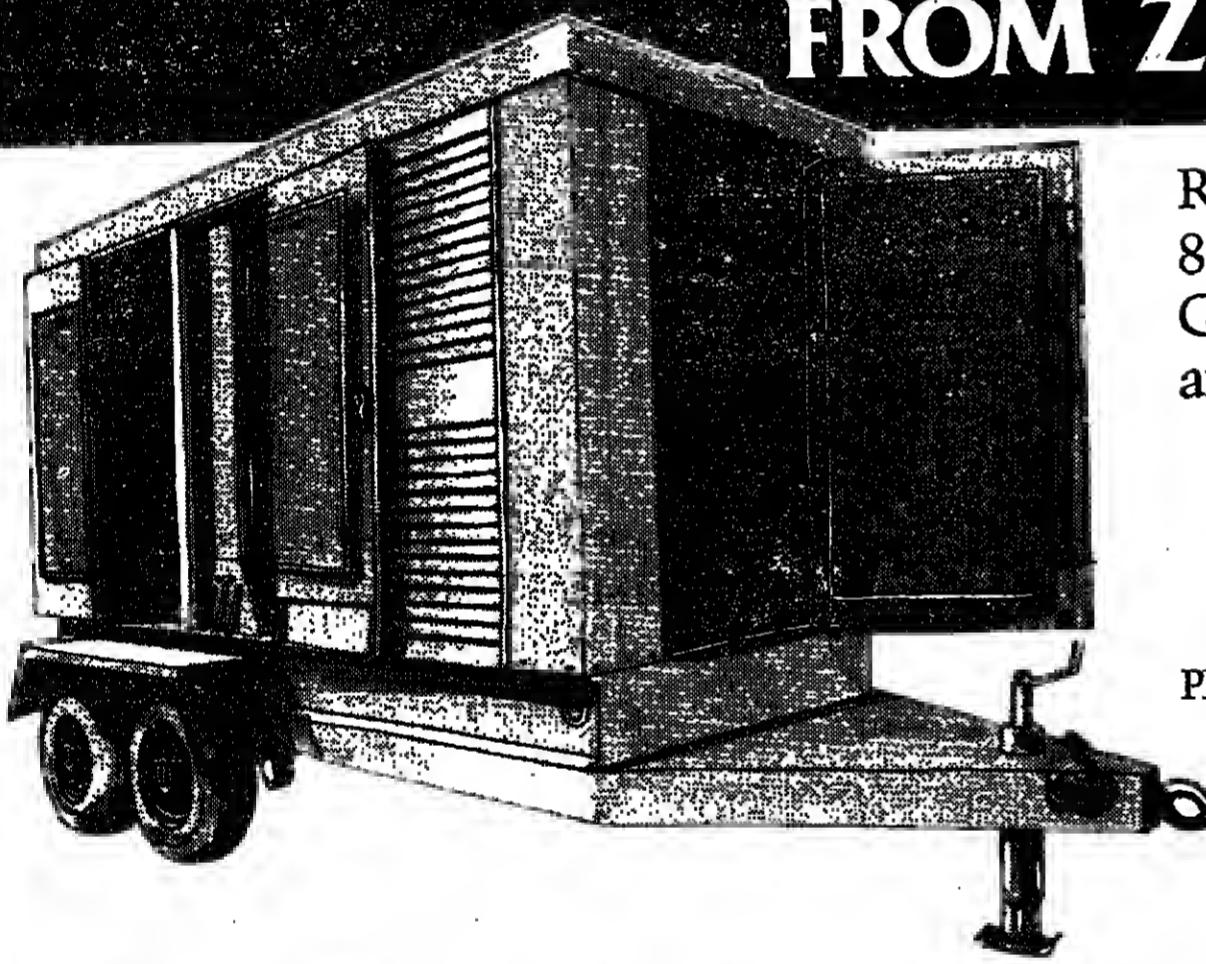
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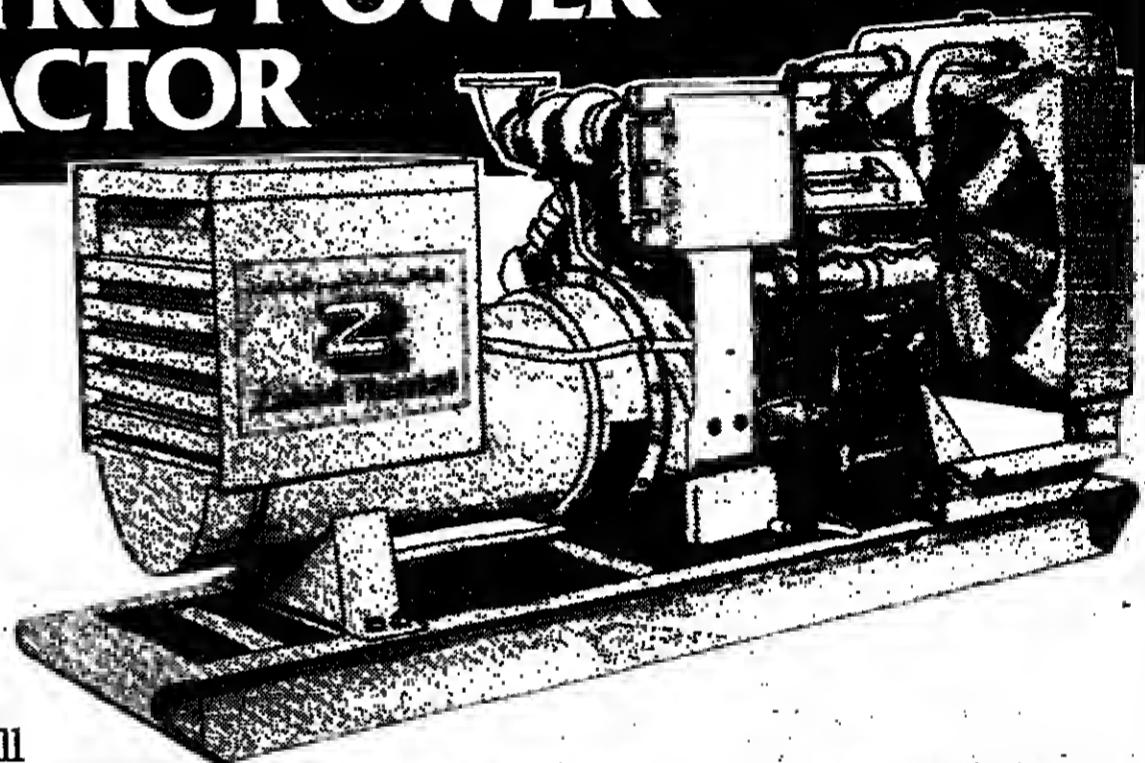
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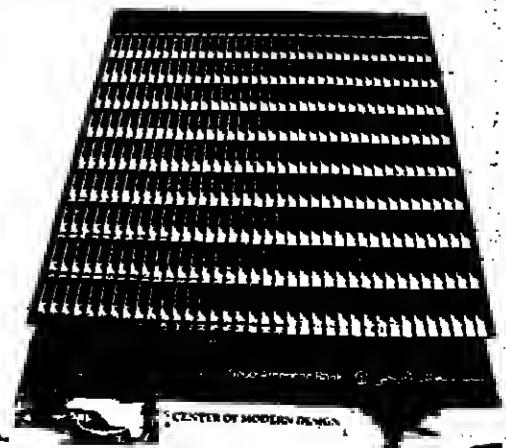


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On eve of GATT talks

## U.S. mounts pressure on allies

GENEVA, Nov. 23 (R) — The United States kept up pressure for concessions from its trading partners Tuesday with a warning that the political will to preserve an open U.S. market was close to collapse.

In a speech on the eve of a major world trade conference here, U.S. Trade Representative Bill Brock called for real progress on liberalizing trade so that mounting protectionism would not push the world into a depression.

Representatives from 88 countries are due to meet here Wednesday for the first ministerial conference of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in nine years.

"Recession, unemployment, a massive and growing trade deficit, and a sense of increasing barriers elsewhere has brought the political coalition necessary to preserve an open U.S. market to the verge of collapse," he said in an address to the American Club of Geneva.

"A ministerial conference that makes no progress toward the goal of trade liberalization or even toward a commitment to halt

new protectionist actions could seal the fate of that coalition," he added.

During the run-up to the GATT conference, U.S. leaders have frequently urged other countries to open up their markets more to American exporters, or else risk a wave of protectionist reprisals in the U.S.

Brock said free traders in the U.S. were seen as apologists for a flood of imports, but were unable to take credit for increasing exports because foreign markets were not opening.

A proposed protectionist law which would

raise the mandatory local-made content of imports to the U.S. now had a majority of sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives, he said.

Legislators who supported it wanted to send a message that trade must be a two-way street. Many seem willing to risk the collapse of the system to drive that point home."

He described such protectionist measures as a cancer leading to "a slow, complicated descent into depression." Brock called in particular for agreement on the new rules governing so-called safeguard measures.

## Soviets set growth at 3.3 %

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (R) — The Soviet leadership announced plans Tuesday to reverse a slump in economic growth through a sharp rise in labor productivity next year.

A draft economic plan for 1983 put before a session of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) set a goal of a 3.3 percent rise in national income next year compared with a provisional estimate of two percent this year.

The plan, read out by state planning committee Chairman Nikolai Baibakov, called for industrial output to rise by 3.2 percent against an expected 2.8 percent this year, the lowest since World War II.

A poor start to 1982, the second year of the Soviet Union's 1981-85 five-year plan, put a target of a 4.7 percent rise in industrial output beyond individual crop targets.

Baibakov said agriculture would continue to get a large share of Soviet investment while new capital projects would be cut back in order to free resources for the completion of slow-moving current projects.

Baibakov said next year's plan for a faster rate of economic growth depended on a sharp rise in labor productivity. He said 95 percent of the growth in national income, 91 percent of the growth in industry and 100 percent of the growth in agriculture would have to come from higher productivity.

The Soviet economy has traditionally fuelled growth by expanding its labor force each year, but population trends in the 1980s have brought this expansion to a halt and the Kremlin says it is now looking for intensive growth.

Baibakov's figure suggested that overall

## EEC jobless total soars to 11.5m

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23 (AFP) — Unemployment in the European Economic Community, excluding Greece, grew 1.9 percent in October to 11.5 million — 10.3 percent of the active population, the EEC announced here Tuesday.

The biggest increases came in Luxembourg (16.4 percent) and Denmark (10.5 percent). Unemployment grew 5.5 percent in West Germany, 3.7 percent in France, three per-

cent in Ireland and 2.2 percent in the Netherlands.

The number of jobless remained unchanged in Belgium, and dropped 1.4 percent in Britain.

Belgium still has the EEC's highest jobless rate (4.8 percent), followed by Ireland (3.5 percent), Britain (2.8 percent), the Netherlands (1.1 percent) and Italy (10.9 percent).

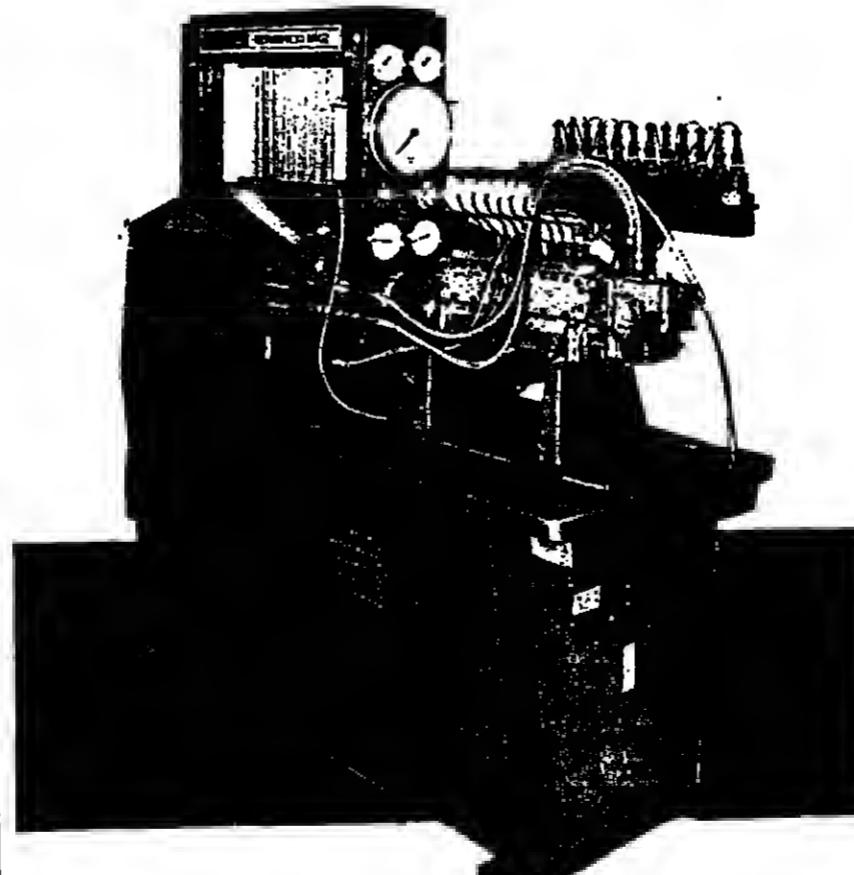
France (9.6 percent) and Denmark (9.4 percent) remain slightly below the EEC's average unemployment rate. Luxembourg boasts the lowest proportion of jobless (1.5 percent), followed by West Germany (7.3 percent).

But West Germany has the fastest-growing jobless rate over the past 12 months (40.6 percent up), followed by the Netherlands (38.6 percent up) and Ireland (27.7 percent up).

Meanwhile, the EEC's statistics agency Eurostat reported in Luxembourg on Tuesday that consumer prices rose by an average of 0.9 percent last month in the EEC.

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## Britain's oil exports touch \$ 1.6 billion

LONDON, Nov. 23 (R) — Britain's oil exports topped the one billion sterling (\$1.6 billion) mark for the first time in October, but exports of other goods fell, according to figures released by the trade department.

Britain's visible trade surplus increased slightly from 239 million sterling (\$382 million) in September to 259 million sterling (\$414 million), but only because a fall in total exports was offset by a greater fall in imports.

The figures show a massive deterioration in the non-oil visible balance with a deficit of 2.8 billion sterling (\$36.5 billion) in the first 10 months of 1982. This compared with a surplus of 452 million sterling (\$723 million) in the same period last year.

But Britain's current account surplus in October, including 200 million sterling (\$320 million) in invisible earnings from shipping, insurance, banking and tourism, was 459 million sterling (\$734 million), up from 439 million sterling (\$712 million) in September.

## U.S. consumer prices rise 0.5%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) — Consumer prices in the United States, spurred by sharply higher housing costs, rose 0.5 percent last month, the biggest gain since July, the government reported Tuesday. For the year, inflation is running at a relatively modest annual rate of 4.9 percent.

Price hikes were also posted for energy and food. But the Labor Department said the acceleration in the overall index, which had posted scant gains in the two preceding months, could be largely attributed to the 1.1 percent jump in housing prices enough to offset a 2.3 percent fall in mortgage interest rates.

The new report, appeared to dampen economists' predictions that the generally improving inflation picture could, for all of 1982, leave the country with its lowest inflation rate in a decade.

If the 4.9 percent rate holds through December, the full-year rate would almost match the 4.8 percent of 1976. Inflation for all of 1981 was 8.9 percent.

Belgrade, (AFP) — Indonesia and Yugoslavia have decided to increase their trade which rose from \$87 million in 1978 to 14.5 million in the first nine months of this year. The Yugoslav Tanjug news agency reported. Ways of achieving an improvement were discussed by External Trade Minister Milenko Bojanic and his Indonesian counterpart Radins Prawiro.

MONTREAL, (AFP) — Tariff cuts between Quebec and the U.S. could mean political independence for Quebec, as it could dispense with economic links with the rest of Canada, the province's Energy Minister Ques Duhamel told the Montreal Chamber of Commerce. Some 40 percent of Quebec's output, worth \$30,000 million per annum, was for export, he said. By 1988 some 90 percent of goods crossing the U.S. border would pay duty of under five percent, he noted.

## Financial Roundup

## Dollar regains lost ground

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — The American dollar closed on a strong note on the New York exchanges Monday night, reversing all its previous losses in Europe. The British pound continued to trade weakly at the 1.5890 to 1.5990 levels with modest Bank of England support.

In the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates opened weak Tuesday, but had put on about 1.16 percent by close of business as both European and American dealers wondered whether the Federal Reserve Board would cut its discount rate further from the disappointing ½ percent cut over the weekend. The major U.S. banks cut back on their prime lending rates by ½ percent to take the new prime rate to 11 ½ percent levels — the lowest for three years. The money markets hardly noticed the move.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices traded erratically and closed at lower levels due to the sudden reversal and the dollar's fortunes. Gold traded at \$403 to \$404 on Tuesday compared to \$412 on Monday, while silver prices closed at \$9.30 — a 40 cent fall over Monday prices. Dealers expect some more volatility in the market but with both gold and silver defending their present price ranges.

The local markets were more subdued Tuesday, and dealers reported very little activity on the exchanges. Spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4403-08 but fell back to

## BRIEFS

TOKYO, (R) — Japan's customs-cleared trade balance swung into deficit of \$379.98 million in the first 10 days of November from a \$699.16 million surplus in the same October period and compared with a \$358.43 million deficit a year earlier, the finance ministry said.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — A delegation of British businessmen began a week-long session of trade talks with their Soviet counterparts on manufacturing, toys, transport and food production, British trade mission sources said.

LONDON, (AFP) — Imports from Communist China into Britain of men's and boys' knitted or crocheted suits and coordinate suits are to be restricted to 9,000 per year in 1982 and 1983, the department of trade has announced. This quota has been introduced provisionally by the European Commission pending agreement with China on a definitive quantitative limit, the department said.

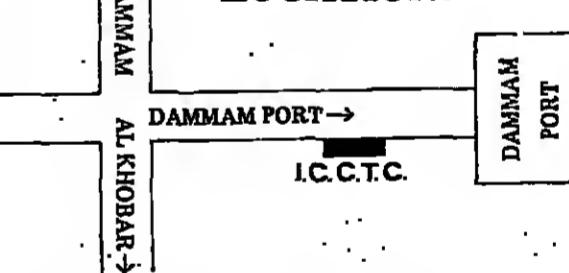
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**On a day when 4 marks were sunk**

## Japanese swimmers make a big splash

By John Crasto  
Special to Arab News

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 — Japan made a big splash in Asian Games swimming Tuesday. They wrapped up five of the six gold medals at stake. They also re-wrote three Asian Games records in the bargain.

Certainly a splendid performance. But expectedly so. While the Japanese swimmers delivered, the Chinese did not. Up to now China's haul at the Talkatora pool read a dismal four silvers and four bronze. Japan's tally — ten golds, four silver, four bronze — made the Chinese achievements look most insignificant.

While Japan dominated the swimming, the Chinese were near unbeatable in gymnastics, and kept the race for the overall medal hunt wide open. The two-way struggle for top honors has begun in earnest.

Mika Saito was certain to triumph in the 400 meters freestyle for women. That she did to get her name on the record book with a time of 4 minutes, 25.72 seconds. Another record came Japan's way when Hidetoshi Takahashi won the men's 200 meters backstroke in two minutes, 8.33 second. And Japan's cup of joy was full when another mark underlined their supremacy, Taihei Saka bettering the men's 200 meters butterfly in 2 minutes, 4.97 seconds.

South Korea's 15-year-old schoolgirl, Youn Hee Choi, gave Japan the lone setback in swimming Tuesday. She won the 200 meters backstroke for women from her sit sister, Youn Jung Choi, in a record time of two minutes, 21.96 seconds.

Japan had China on their backs in hockey too. There could not have been a more cor-

### Asiad tid-bits

NEW DELHI, India, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — The Kuwaiti squad at the 9th Asian Games denies that its sportsmen are using refrigerators to practice heightlifting; that it has hired two jumbo jets to shuttle between New Delhi and the more glamorous city of Bombay; and that it was unhappy with accommodations at the Asian Games Village and abandoned it for a five-star hotel.

These stories all have appeared in New Delhi press but the official newspaper of the Games — "The Asiad Chronicle," has quoted a Kuwaiti team spokesman as saying, "Our country may be rich, but we are not mad to keep two jumbo jets here." As for the report of Kuwaits using refrigerators to tone up their muscles, the spokesman huffed: "How could such things be said about us when we have not brought any weightlifters in our team?"

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reliable index of the Japanese win than a 4-0 verdict. The Japanese are certainly playing good hockey. Some even expect them to trouble Pakistan whom they meet in a crucial match which will decide which team will meet India in the semifinal.

The Japanese attack was in full cry in the morning. They operate on a wide front utilizing wingers, Katsuhiko Numa and Minoru Sakamoto, to advantage. Both the flankmen have tremendous speed and skill. With Koji Takamori in the middle they make a fiery trio.

The Chinese crowding out tactics did not pay off, the first dent being made by Japan in the 10th minute. Kazuhisa drove home from a penalty corner and ten minutes later he added another. Koji Takamori got the field goal in the 46th and Sakamoto capped a brilliant solo effort with a feeble push. Goalkeeper Danzu was seemingly mesmerized as the ball moved slowly into goal.

India expectedly routed Bangladesh to take their place in the semifinals. They scored a round dozen for the highest tally so far. Zafar Iqbal began the rout with a penalty stroke goal. Then it was a long procession to the Bangladesh goal, Jagdeep Singh (3), Vineet Kumar (including a hat-trick), Mervyn Fernandes, Zafar Iqbal and Shahid (2) helping themselves to goals.

The Sino-Japanese conflict will be keen in handball too. Japan routed United Arab Emirates 35-19, while China handed Bahrain a 28-16 drubbing. The Chinese, however, appeared a better side with their star striker, Jin Balian, bagging two hat-tricks in his nine-goal tally. UAE's Al Thani also recorded a double hat-trick but his fine effort went in vain.

China caught rowing enthusiasts unawares with the speed of their early performances in the first rowing championship. Displaying brilliant sportsmanship, they easily qualified for the finale of all four events being contested at Jaipur.

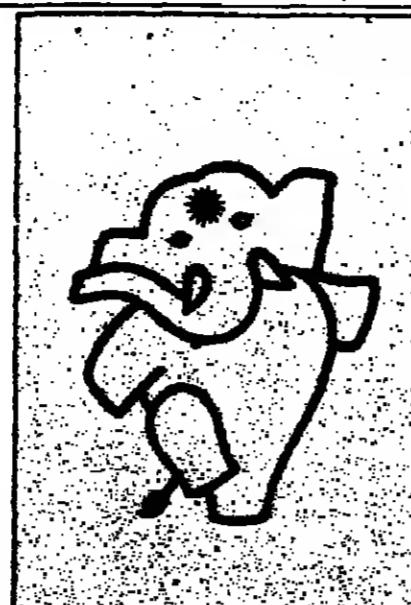
The Asian Badminton Confederation (ABC) announced that it had elected China's Zhe Se as its president. The ABC said that it also had elected India's S.R. Chada to the newly-created post of senior vice-president to take charge of administrative matters.

Nine countries formed the Asian Rowing Federation (ARF) and elected Indian deputy defense minister K.P. Singh Deo as its president.

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**Medals tally**

	G	S	B
China	22	17	12
Japan	17	15	10
North Korea	7	10	9
South Korea	4	6	7
India	2	1	1
Philippines	1	1	0
Mongolia	1	1	3
Indonesia	0	1	4
Iran	0	0	1

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (R) — Japanese men gymnasts, led by a perfect ten on the horizontal bar, staged a late rally to deny China a clean sweep of Asian Games gold medal in the event here Tuesday.

The Chinese men picked up four gold medals in the vault, rings, floor exercises and pommel horse to go with their earlier gold medals in the team event and individual title for their star performer Li Ning.

The Japanese men's revival salvaged their

## Kuwait turns in a stylish display

By Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 — Kuwait were relaxed yet penetrative. They trounced Burma 4-0 in a generally one-sided match in Asian Games soccer competition at Ambedkar Stadium. Their scoring potential was emphasized even though the opposition was not upto the mark.

That Kuwait can exercise immaculate control was evident. Yet they wasted quite a number of chances. They need to curb their exuberance which will be so vital when they meet Iraq in their last match on Friday.

Scherner Moaied had a good match. He made both the first-half goals possible. He clamped on to a mid-fielder at the top of the box. That he switched to Nasser for the decisive strike indicated the way things Kuwaitis play. They strive for a sure shot. Nasser was in the clear to ensure goal with a powerful volley.

Moaied had still more to offer. His run down the flank drew defenders out of position. He floated a measured cross for Ambary to swerve away into the clear and drive home. That goal spelt certain defeat for Burma in that their showing was terribly passive. And when Yousef added two more goals it cer-

tainly ushered in more strength for Kuwait to meet the sterner challenges to come with a bolder front.

Plucky South Korea were destined to lose. They called the tune but Iran landed the spoils. A lone goal made all the difference.

How the Iranians demonstrated after their victory. They were more emphatic off the field than on the playing pitch. Truly they were lucky to survive the sustained Korean pressure.

The Iranians are big-made and solid. Their play was as unpredictable as their fiery temperament. At one time they were precise and full of fire. But most times they were struggling to keep their citadel from crumbling. Their compact rearguard stood like a rock. And tall Behzad Sol Tani was just unbeatable. The custodian frustrated the Koreans no end. He made so many saves.

The Koreans were shaky in the first half. Their play was not organized. But once Choi Soon Ho came in there was better coordination and more incisive. Their thrust was such that one expected the Iranian defense to fall. Their mobility was so pleasing. passes made along the ground and vacant spaces utilized to advantage. Constant switching and sudden long balls earned them many an opening.

They came so close yet it was so far.

Certainly not South Korea's day. That was the only explanation one could offer as they peppered the Iranian goal. Park Kyung Hoon headed over from the top of the goal area. Lee Tae Ho volleys a sinner over. But the best effort was Lee Tae Ho's when he turned a Choi Soon center goalwards in a flash.

That seemed a certain goal. But Sol Tani fisted out. Choi Soon was stunned. But Sol Tani was miserable later when he headed down to catch Tani unawares. The ball bounced inches over the crossbar.

Iran's sporadic raids always spelt danger. The 48th-minute counter proved fruitful. Reza Hassan centered, a melle ensued and Derak Shan Fargosh turned into goal. All defense for Iran thereafter. They held on like leeches to that lead. That goal brought them back into the reckoning for place in the quarterfinals.

Japan accounted for South Yemen 3-1 to make the quarterfinals from Group 'D'. Which team will join them is a tantalizing question. Both South Korea and Iran have two points. Their last matches will decide. South Korea have to play Japan, while Iraq have a comparatively easier outing against Yemen.

## Indonesian stars given green signal

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (R) — Indonesia star Lien Siue King and his teammate Verawati Fahrin were Tuesday cleared by the Asian Games Federation (AGF) to take part in the Games badminton event starting Thursday.

Their participation had been thrown in doubt after the AGF had earlier questioned their status as amateurs and asked Indonesian officials to prove the two had taken no money to endorse commercial advertising.

An AGF spokesman said the Indonesian Badminton Association submitted the necessary documents and these were found to be satisfactory by the AGF Executive Committee. "The two are free to take part in the Games as we are satisfied about their status," the spokesman said after a special meeting of the executive.

Indonesians are depending on King, former All-England champion and the Asian Games title holder, to win the coveted badminton singles gold. They complied with the AGF request and submitted all documents to prove Lien's amateur status.

The controversy was touched off by Indian newspapers which published a photograph of Lien advertising for an international sporting goods company.

Under the AGF rules professionals and those who accept money for advertising are not allowed to take part in the Games.

## Duran to fight Cuevas

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Nov. 23 (AP)

Former world welterweight champions Roberto Duran of Panama and Pipino Cuevas of Mexico will fight in Los Angeles, California next Jan. 17, according to Duran's new manager Luis Spada.

Spada said that Duran will travel on Nov. 28 from Miami, Florida, to Los Angeles, where he will start training until mid-January. Both fighters will observe a maximum weight of 152 pounds (69-kilos) for the fight.

Duran lost his World Boxing Council (WBC) welter crown to Sugar Ray Leonard Nov. 25, 1980. While Cuevas lost his World Boxing Association (WBA) title to Thomas Hearns Aug. 2, 1980.

Meanwhile, Kim Chul-Ho of South Korea puns his WBC super flyweight title on the line Sunday in Seoul against Rafael Orono of Venezuela.

"I feel grieved and somewhat upset over the recent death of Kim Duk-Koo," said the 21-year-old champion. "However, I'm confident of victory because I've thoroughly trained for the match."

Kim, the only South Korean world champion, whose only loss was to Kim, is determined to regain the title. The best way to the victory is to get inside and catch up with his footwork.

Kim Chul-Ho sent a wreath Monday to the funeral of Kim Duk-Koo, who suffered a fatal injury in a WBA lightweight title match with champion Ray Mancini in Las Vegas, Nevada, Nov. 13.

All professional boxing events in South Korea were suspended until Kim's body was buried Tuesday.

In London, Jimmy Price of Liverpool, one of Britain's two gold medal winners in the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, has turned professional.

## Three seeds fall by the wayside

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 23 (AFP) — Three seeds tumbled out of the New South Wales Women's Open Tennis Championship at White City Tuesday.

Third seed Wendy Turnbull, winner of this tournament three years ago, fell before her home country crowd to Marcella Mesker of the Netherlands, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Garrison originally scheduled to meet Emma Cawley in the first round, beat Australia's Dianne Fromolt 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Six times Wimbledon singles champion, Billie Jean King, seeded ninth, was beaten by fellow-American Sherry Acker, 6-4, 6-3.

While West Germany's Eva Pfaff beat hard-hitting American, 11th-seeded Andrea Leand 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 in a first round encounter.

Meanwhile, John McEnroe joined fellow-American Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in the Masters Tournament due to be played at Madison Square Garden here from Jan. 18-29.

## Jahangir makes semis

ZURICH, Nov. 23 (R) — World Open squash champion Jahangir Khan, who successfully defended his title in Britain a week ago, cruised into the semifinals of the Swiss masters Monday when he beat Australian Glen Bramby 9-1, 9-0, 9-3.

The 18-year-old Pakistani made light work of Bramby's challenge and now meets the man he beat in last week's Birmingham final, Dean Williams of Australia, who beat Mansoor Ahmed Khan's compatriot Hiddey Jahan, was beaten in another quarterfinal match by Egypt's Gamal Awad 9-3, 9-3, 9-



Roberto Duran

devastated them 12-3. The game was played virtually error-free with nearly every member of the Chinese getting at least one hit led by catcher Ron Klien with three.

This win by the Killer Bees evens their win-loss record with the BD All Stars at 5 wins and 4 losses each. The valiant but unfortunate Pratt & Whitney Eagles lost in an ostentatious manner to the Alsalam Meridien Vets 16-1.

In the Wadi Division, the Blue Angels, Safeway Truly Fine and Hyatt Touch of Class continue to "keep things tight" by winning all of their matches last week.

The Blue Angels led by Coach Bob Best-crunched Whittaker (W) 17-0. Hyatt Touch of Class led by Corp of Engineers (W) 9-4 and hospitalized Whittaker (W) 13-0. Safeway Truly Fine spread oil on Mobit's (W) platters for an upset victory by a score of 16-0. A. Hersey and L. Hensley hit home runs for the "Truly Fine" crew and were promptly rewarded for their efforts by their Safeway Daniel by the same score.

In the "A" Division, this was nearly the week that was when Lockheed I aspired to a victory over the division leading Alsalam Meridien Vets last Wednesday. However, the Vets rallied in the seventh inning to win 7-6.

A rematch of these two teams on Monday of this week, saw a determined Meridien Vets team assert themselves before routing Lockheed 12-0 on home runs by Jock Graham and Jim Hart.

Fine-defensive plays were turned in by catcher Rollin Copeland, second baseman Bob Howe and infielder Gabe Chircus. Strong assists by Vets members Carl Smith, Jeff Kerr and Joe Marrot contributed to Vets' victory.

The Frederick Killer Bees did everything they legally could in the BD All Stars as they

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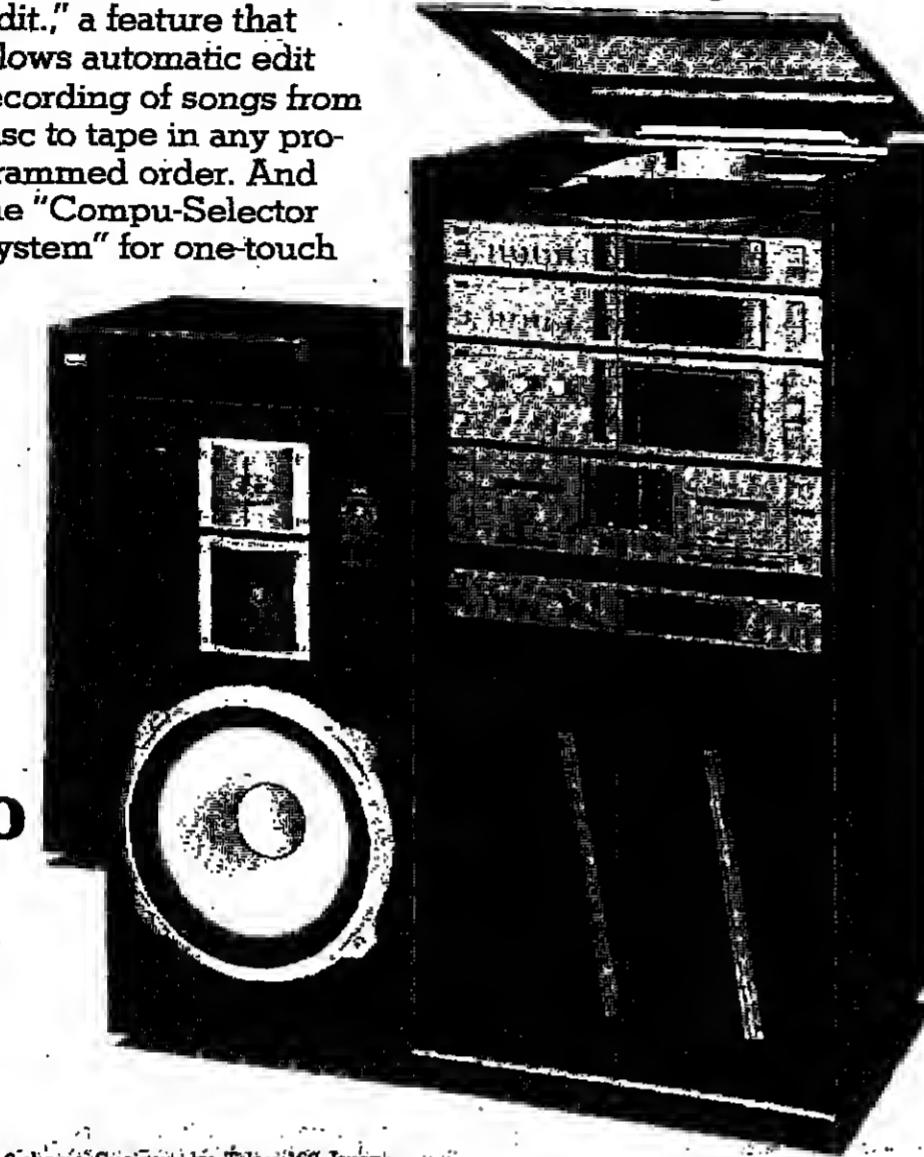
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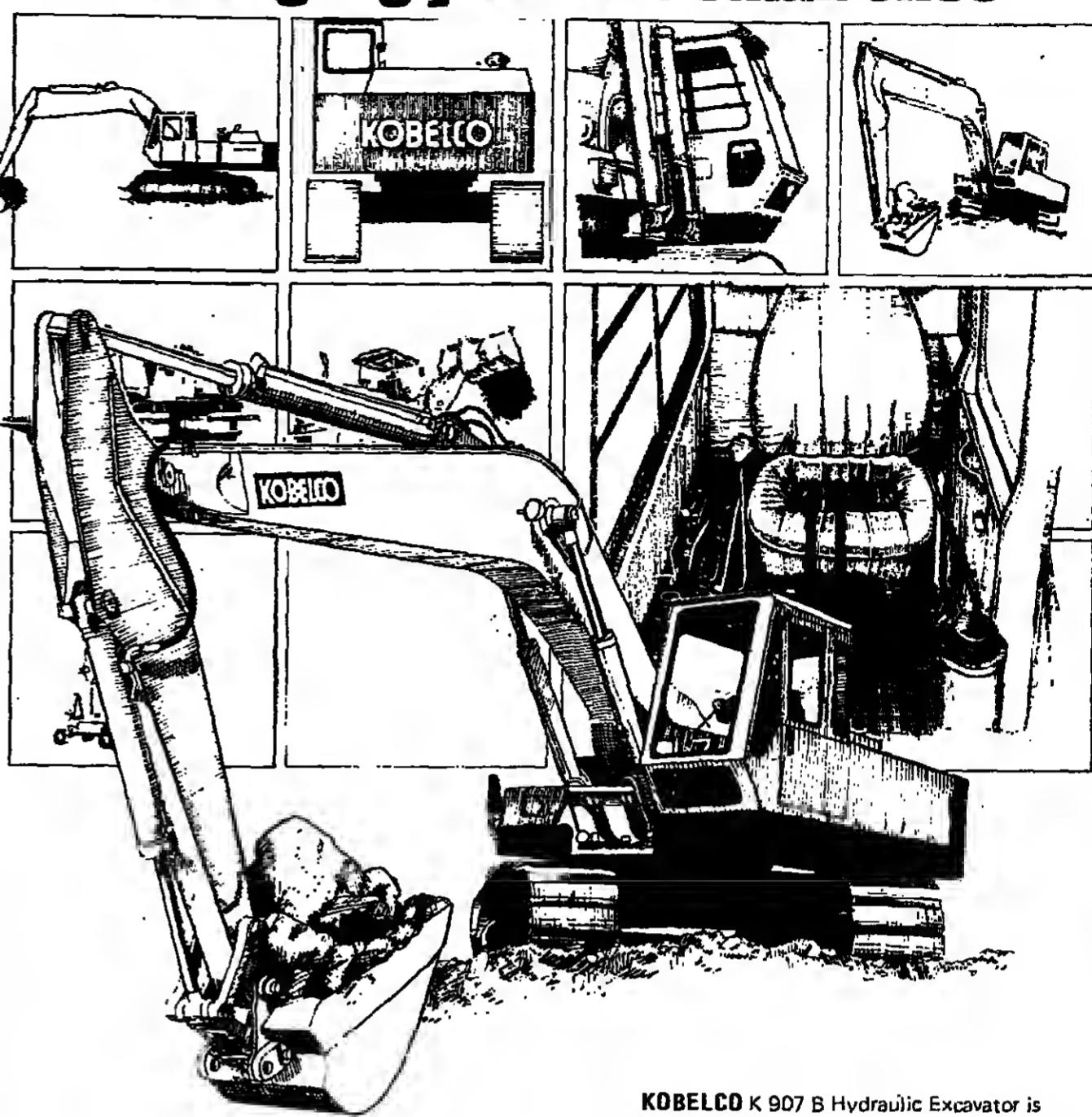
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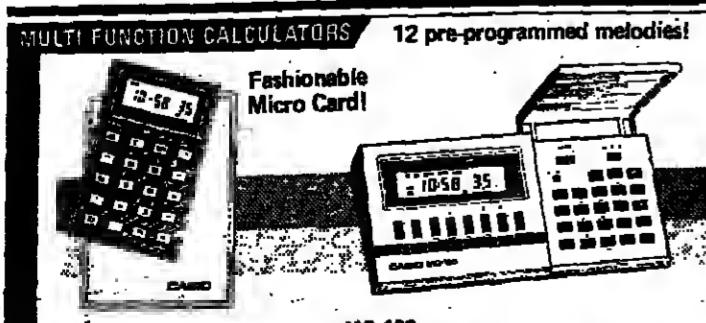
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# Hemmings bowls England to victory

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 23 (AP) — A superlative bid for Test selection by North-shire spinner Eddie Hemmings stopped New South Wales from claiming its first victory over England in twenty years Tuesday.

Former Test batsman Peter Toohey hit a blazing 119 to put NSW in line for a fighting win at the Sydney Cricket Ground until Hemmings began his destructive spell.

Hemmings took five wickets for 100 from 31 overs to seal the fifth win in-a-row for England since 1962. Hemmings has not taken 23 wickets in three games but did not play in the Perth Test. NSW was finally out for 316, only 27 runs short of victory.

The promise of the morning, with an aggressive 59 by Test opener John Dyson and a patient 111 from Trevor Chappell, faded and died following the exit of Toohey, with 511 runs still needed and nine wickets gone. The tail wagged vigorously with spinner Bob Holland and paceman Mike Whitney taking the score from 283 to 316.

Whitney went lbw for seven to the only ball Derek Pringle bowled in the last session, leaving Holland unbeaten on 17.

England scored 240 and 342 and NSW declared its first innings closed at nine wickets for 291, and then England blasted 342 leaving 333 runs to win when NSW started batting in the last 21 minutes of the final session Monday.

It was a great effort by the state side with Test paceman Geoff Lawson resting his injured shoulder for the second Test starting in Brisbane on Friday. Lawson did not bowl or field in the England second innings but gamely came out to bat Tuesday after Murray Bennett was dismissed although he lasted only three balls for a single.

Test wicketkeeper Bob Taylor replaced Ian Gould behind the stumps Tuesday. Gould had x-rays taken of his right thumb, which revealed a flaked joint bone, for which he is receiving treatment.

England's Test keeper Bob Taylor took the gloves with NSW one wicket for eight, Dyson on six and Rixon yet to score. Dyson can thank Chris Tavaré for advancing beyond his overnight score.

Umpire Dick French gave Dyson out, caught by Tavaré at first slip in Norman Cowans' first over of the day, but the England Test opener was quick to point out that the ball had not carried.

With NSW set the task of getting a little over 100 in each session to win, Dyson and Trevor Chappell, who had come in when nightwatchman Steve Rixon went lbw to Cowans for seven, went about looking for runs.

The pair put on a 90-run third-wicket partnership before Dyson was caught by Taylor off Pringle for 35 in 155 minutes with eight fours and one gloriously hooked six off Cowans.

Dyson was walking before umpire Jay's finger went up in a return sporting gesture. Dick Wellham joined Chappell and the pair put on 211 runs for the fourth-wicket before Wellham attempted to sweep Hemmings and was bowled for 38.

NSW looked to Steve Smith for another punishing effort but the righthander was another Hemmings victim when trapped lbw for three. NSW was five for 177 and when Chappell went 111 runs later for 11, the states' hopes of a win slumped.

But an eight-wicket partnership between Peter Toohey and Murray Bennett lifted the score in quick time to 261 and NSW was back in with a chance. But Bennett, attempting to back-cut Hemmings, had his stumps shattered for 29.

## Score -board

England 1st Innings:	240
NSW 1st Innings:	250 for 5 dec.
England 2nd Innings:	342
NSW 2nd Innings:	316
I. Dyson c Taylor (sub b Pringle)	59
R. McCosker b Cowans	1
S. Rixon lbw Cowans	7
T. Chappell c Jackson b Marks	61
D. Wellham b Hemmings	3
P.J. Toohey c Gower b Hemmings	4
M. Bennett b Hemmings	29
G. Lawson c Randall b Hemmings	1
D. Holland not out	17
M. Whitney lbw Pringle	7
Extras:	14
Total:	316
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-25, 3-115, 4-165, 5-177, 6-178, 7-260, 8-266, 9-283.	
Bowling: Cowans 11-3-29-2; Pringle 14-1-38-2; Jackson 14-3-38-0; Hemmings 31-3-101-5; Marks 26-7-86-1.	

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## Sax voted best rookie

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP) — Second baseman Steve Sax has been named the National League's rookie of the year in a close vote to become the fourth consecutive Los Angeles Dodgers' player to win the award, the Baseball Writers Association of America announced Monday.

Sax, 22, landed nine first-place votes and a total of 63 points from a panel of two writers from each of the 12 National League cities. Johnny Ray, Pittsburgh Pirates second baseman, finished second with six first-place votes and 57 points.

Outfielder Willie McGee, one of the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series heroes, finished third with five first-place votes and 39 points. The voting was taken at the conclusion of the regular season. A first-place vote was worth five points, second place three points, and third place one.

Sax drew four second-place votes and six for third and became the 11th Dodger to win the rookie prize since it was inaugurated in 1947. In 1947 and 1948 there was only one rookie award for both leagues.

Ray attracted seven second-place votes and six for third. Sax, whose emergence allowed the Dodgers to trade veteran Davey Lopes to Oakland during the off-season, batted .282 in the leadoff position, drove in 47 runs and stole 49 bases. He batted .277 in 31 games.

Ray batted .281, knocked in 63 runs and stole 16 bases. He led the league's second



Steve Sax

basemen. Both Sax and Ray had .977 fielding percentages.

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## Three new faces in British rugby side

LEEDS, Northern England, Nov. 23 (AP) — Six changes have been made to the British Rugby League side, beaten 27-6 by Australia in the second Test in Wigan last Saturday, for the third and final Test at Hull.

The British selectors had already made 10 changes to the 13 crushed 44-4 in the first Test at Hull. This time they have called on three new internationals, hooker Brian Noble; prop Mike O'Neill and third power Mick Crane.

They had selected David Topless as captain before discovering that he had already left for a holiday in Majorca. Scrum-half Ken Kels has now been named captain instead. Back George Fairbank and forwards Lee Crooks and Peter Smith are recalled.

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## As Nasr, Shaukat sparkle

## Indian Blues scrapes past Iskander

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — Indian Blues' skipper Nasr literally carried his side on his slender shoulders to an exciting victory against Iskander in the Abdullah Hashim Cricket Tournament last weekend.

He soldiered on while wickets tumbled like nine pins at the other end for an unbeaten 94, as Indian Blues scraped home with an over to spare in the 30-over per-side match. But before Nasr's heroics, Shaukat stood in the foreground for the Indian Blues.

With Iskander opting to make the first use of the pitch after the coin had rolled in their favor, Shaukat made his presence felt by trapping opener Shaukat Zaidi leg-before-wicket with no score on the board.

### Mike Birch closes in on leader Pajot

PARIS, Nov. 23 (AP) — The 68-foot yacht of French Transatlantic race leader Marc Pajot has been disabled, while Canadian Mike Birch in his catamaran Vital is rapidly gaining on him, according to latest reports on the Route Du Rhum Single-Handed Race from France to Guadeloupe.

Pajot reported late Monday that he has had to drastically reduce his speed after a split opened up in the main beam which joins the two hulls of his catamaran Elf Aquitaine.

"We had to take down a lot of canvas," he said. "If the beam goes then the boat goes with it."

Meanwhile, Mike Birch, winner of the first edition of this race four years ago, had by early Monday cut the gap between himself and Pajot from 120 to 74 miles and was still gainng.

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Birch surged ahead by taking a more southerly route than the other leading competitors and finding more favorable winds. Pajot and Loizeau had contested for the lead right from the start, with Pajot gaining the upperhand.

And as Shaukat and Zaidi continued to make further dents in Iskander's innings, things looked quite bleak for them. But Ans proved the man of the hour for Iskander. He applied himself to the task diligently and patiently put Iskander on solid footing with an innings of 92.

Nasr's good work was consolidated by Sardar and Jazi. But the two did not survive long enough. Sardar was run out for 25, while Qazi became one of Shaukat's seven victims. The exit of these two heralded yet another slide and Iskander finished with a moderate 172. Shaukat's analysis read 7.2-14-42-7.

Iskander's final look adequate when Indian Blues began disastrously. But Sardar and Jazi were ill at ease. He struck treble while Iskander bowlers were whittling away the Indian Blues' innings from the other end, his effort looking like a brave front in a hopeless cause.

Seven wickets were down for 81. But still Nasr carried on courageously. All he needed was a man to hold up the other fort. And he

## Petromin 'A' wins thriller

By a Staff Writer

ball to spare. Earlier, Zahid Tractors had amassed their total thanks mainly to a brilliant 72 by skipper Arshad.

The fortunes of Zahid Tractors' second string was also on the downhill. And to add salt to injury, they also had the dubious distinction of being bundled out to the lowest total in the tournament by Aesco. Aesco, on Asim's 14 and Inran's 13 not out, built up a modest 55 for two in their allotted overs. The accuracy of Aesco bowlers put paid to Zahid Tractors' aspirations when they took their turn in the middle. Zahid Tractors were shot out for 35, with Ilahib Ambia registering the first maiden over of the tournament in six years.

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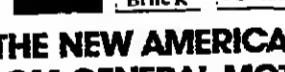
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## U.K. won't intercept Exocet-carrying ship

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AFP) — British Defense Minister John Nott ruled out any attempt to intercept the vessel transporting the first cargo of French-made Exocet missiles to Argentina since the battle over the Falkland Islands ended five months ago.

The suggestion was made in the House of Commons Monday by Conservative member of parliament Teddy Taylor, who proposed that the Royal Navy intercept the Argentine vessel *Bahia Senu Bias* and force it back to St. Nazaire port it left last week with its cargo of five Super Etendard fighter-bombers equipped with the sophisticated, wave-skimming air-to-sea missiles.

But Nott said the government knew of no principle of international law that would authorize the Royal Navy to take such action. During the Falklands conflict, Exocet missiles sunk the British destroyer *Sheffield* and the *Atlantic Conveyor* and damaged the *Glamorgan*, the latter two container ships

### Kennedy, wife getting divorce

BOSTON, Nov. 23 (R) — Sen. Edward Kennedy and his estranged wife, Joan, are in the process of getting a divorce, a spokesman for the senator said. A report in the *Boston Herald American* newspaper said the senator and his wife had agreed on a final divorce settlement under which she would receive \$4 million.

The spokeswoman for the 50-year-old Massachusetts senator said only that the divorce was in process. She would not comment further on what she said was a "private matter." The Kennedys have three children. They announced in January 1981 that they were seeking the dissolution of their marriage. Married in 1958, they have lived in different cities for several years.

Aides to Sen. Kennedy have said he may announce next month whether he will seek the Democratic Party presidential nomination in 1984.

In another development in Dallas, Texas, about 100 persons gathered at a downtown memorial Monday to observe the 19th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. John Kennedy was the elder brother of Edward Kennedy.

Kennedy has been remembered each Nov. 22 since the day in 1963 when he was mortally wounded as his motorcade wound through downtown Dallas. The annual service was held at the Kennedy memorial, about a block from the shooting site.

"Your memories churn," said Mark Herchner, pastor, who spoke at the ceremony. "Memories of a young president and his family, memories of a rocking chair in the Oval Office, memories of unforgettable oratory."

### South Korean defects

TOKYO, Nov. 23 (AP) — A South Korean youth has defected to North Korea from an unidentified Southeast Asian country, the official (North) Korean Central News Agency reported Tuesday.

Cho Sung-Hyon, a second engineer of the Malaysian merchant ship *Antara*, said he defected because "I deeply realized that the place where I should live is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Socialist fatherland, developing and prospering under the wise guidance of the great marshal (president) Kim Il-Sung," KCNA reported in a dispatch monitored here.

The dispatch said the youth went to the North Korean Embassy in a Southeast Asian country and "expressed his will to come over" to North Korea. It did not say when or where the defection occurred.

The agency said the Seoul native had served in the South Korean Army and decided to defect after his discharge. It gave no other details about his background. KCNA called the defection a "righteous act" and said Cho was "warmly welcomed" by the North Korea people.

### Strike hits U.K. daily

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AFP) — *The Daily Telegraph* failed to appear on news stands here for the fifth successive day Tuesday because of a printers' strike. But the management suspended its threat to stop paying non-striking employees if the newspaper was not printed Tuesday.

The 400 striking printers rejected an appeal by their own union to go back to work. They are striking to protest suppression of a machine that will result in a loss of machine operator jobs. The management warned it might no longer be able to pay the employees because of heavy losses in London. The Manchester edition of *The Daily Telegraph* is still being printed.

*The Sunday Telegraph*, which is only printed here, lost a million copies last Sunday because of the strike. If the daily and Sunday editions folded permanently, an estimated 6,000 employees would be affected.

### Man pushed to death

PARIS, Nov. 23 (AFP) — An unidentified killer of Asian origin Monday night pushed a man to his death from the metro (subway) platform in the fashionable Saint-Germain-des-Pres district of Paris.

The victim, 73-year-old Victor Bordrez, was waiting with a friend for a train when the Asian suddenly kicked him on the rails as a train was entering the station. Bordrez was hit by the driver's coach and killed instantaneously.

The Asian, described as a short man in his thirties, escaped in the subsequent confusion. Said an eyewitness: "He just walked off calmly toward the exit."

### Letter bomb defused

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AFP) — Police defused a letter bomb Monday sent to Industry Minister Peter Jenkins. His secretary thought the letter was suspicious and called police. A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "There is no doubt this could have killed someone. It was similar to others sent to politicians in the past" (by Irish Republican nationalists).

## Asian typhoons 'claimed 2,000'

BANGKOK, Thailand, Nov. 23 (AP) — Typhoons raging through East and Southeast Asia have claimed more than 2,000 lives in the past two storm seasons, the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) said.

The agency on Tuesday quoted a report from the just-ended 15th session of a U.N.-assisted Typhoon Committee that 29 typhoons struck the region in 1981. Nine of them were powerful enough to blow down houses and sweep away roads and bridges.

The Typhoon Committee, based in Quezon City, Philippines, was set up in 1968 by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the World Meteorological Organization. Its members are China, Hong Kong, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

In 1981 and part of 1982, the Philippines had the most typhoon deaths with 1,598. South Korea had 224. Thailand 96. Vietnam 83. Japan 73 and Hong Kong 42, said UNIS.

A program to study typhoons, sponsored by the typhoon committee and the World Meteorological Organization, conducted its first experiment from Aug. 1 to Oct. 15 in Tokyo, said UNIS.

## Di dispels rumor of ill health

CIRENCESTER, England, Nov. 23 (AP) — In an apparent effort to quash speculation about her health, Princess Diana spent an hour playing merrily with toddlers at a nursery school Monday and pointedly told a group of mothers: "By the way, I am feeling very well."

So is five-month-old Prince William, the princess told them, adding that her infant son had learned a new trick spitting which he often performs while being bathed by his father, Prince Charles.

Diana's visit to the Lewis Lane Nursery School in this west of England market town was arranged at short notice at her own request, the staff said.

It followed reports last week in the Fleet Street tabloids vigorously denied by Buck-

ingham Palace that the 21-year-old Princess had lost so much weight since William's birth that she was believed suffering from the dieters' disease anorexia nervosa. Over the weekend, *Daily Mail* gossip columnist Nigel Dempster quoted palace insiders as saying Diana was cracking under the strain of royal life.

On Monday, looking bright and cheerful in a tartan plaid dress, Diana herself a former kindergarten teacher spent an hour at the nursery playing with the children, blowing bubbles, attending a mock tea party and reading them a story, "The Tiger Who Came to Tea."

Afterward, in bright sunshine outside the school, she spent nearly a half hour talking with mothers.

## Zhao to visit Australia next year

CANBERRA, Nov. 23 (R) — Communist China's Premier Zhao Ziyang will visit Australia early next year at the invitation of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, a foreign affairs department spokesman said Tuesday.

But he was unable to confirm a report by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation that the visit would take place in April. Fraser was in Peking last August and his invitation

was accepted in principle then but final arrangements are still being made, the spokesman said.

China is a major customer for Australian commodities, mainly wheat, sugar and wool, and trade matters are expected to be a central topic for discussion during the Chinese premier's visit. The last Chinese leader to visit Australia was senior Vice President Li Zia-nian in May 1980.

## Albania replaces head of state

VIENNA, Nov. 23 (AP) — Haxhi Uleshi, who served as Albania's head of state for 29 years, was replaced Monday by Ramiz Alia, a secretary of the Communist Party's central committee, the Austrian Press Agency reported.

The top-level change was made by the constituent meeting of the new People's Assembly (parliament), with Communist Party chief Enver Hoxha in attendance. According to the report based on official Albanian information, the meeting confirmed Premier Adil Carcani in office and instructed him to form a new government.

The 250 deputies elected Alia, regarded as a close associate of Hoxha's, new chairman of the presidium of the People's Assembly and thus head of state.

In January Carcani, an economic expert, was appointed prime minister, making him head of the government. He succeeded Mehmet Shehu, who according to official Albanian reports had committed suicide Dec. 17 last year. The suicide report was questioned by Yugoslav and Western observers. Less than two weeks ago, Hoxha called Shehu a spy in the service of Yugoslavia, the United States and the Soviet Union.

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# U.N. panel OKs ban on neutron weapons

UNITED NATIONS. Nov. 23 (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly's political and security committee restated the General Assembly's opposition to neutron weapons development Tuesday. The committee began voting on a 64-item agenda of disarmament proposals.

The most controversial are several competing resolutions offered by nonaligned or Communist bloc countries calling for a nuclear freeze. They are expected to be voted on later this week. The United States has declared its opposition to those measures.

On Monday the committee approved, 59-14, an East German-introduced measure seeking a ban on neutron weapon development, with most of the yes votes coming from Communist bloc or nonaligned countries.

The United States and 13 other Western countries — the same list of opponents as last year — voted against. But six other Western nations — Denmark, Norway, Iceland, the Netherlands, Spain and Greece — were among the 52 nations abstaining. Those six also abstained in 1981.

Last year, U.S. President Ronald Reagan approved production of neutron weapons without making a decision on deploying them. The weapons would emit a higher burst of radiation but produce less blast than other nuclear weapons of comparable size.

Advocates say they could destroy troop concentrations while reducing the physical destruction caused by other atomic weapons. Opponents say they would make it easier for military faced with defeat on a battlefield to cross the line between conventional and nuclear warfare.

NATO allies Denmark and the Netherlands explained that they opposed to neutron weapons but found this resolution politically inspired. Denmark denounced it as "an undisguised attempt to split the Western allies on an important question of defense policy."

The Resolution, which is now virtually assured of passage in the General Assembly, reaffirms a call of last December for a convention banning development, deployment or use of neutron weapons.

As in last year's item, it claims the neutron weapon escalates the nuclear arms race, and "significantly lowers the threshold of nuclear war."

It laments that the world body has so far made no progress on drawing up the convention.

## Papua tribesmen attack Americans

POR MORESBY. Papua New Guinea. Nov. 23 (R) — War-painted tribesmen brandishing spears attacked a bus carrying 10 American tourists on a trip through Papua New Guinea's highland region, the tour agents said here Tuesday. The driver accelerated through the tribesmen, lying in wait on a dirt track, and the tourists escaped with cuts from windows smashed by the attackers.

A spokeswoman for the agents, Trans-Niugini Tours, said the bus had been on a small side road leading to a village where tribespeople put on dances for tourists when the attack took place a week ago.

Police are now searching for the attackers, believed to number about 15. "The villagers are upset about the attack and have given police eight names," the spokeswoman said.

The operators of the tour, Travel Corporation of America, have now canceled another trip to the highlands set for early December, she said. Other tours to the highlands are continuing, but sticking to the main roads.

Over the past two years, some 200 tribesmen have been killed in inter-village rivalry in the jungle highlands of Papua New Guinea, in the Pacific 620 kilometers to the north of Australia.

But tourists have been left alone and the spokeswoman for Trans-Niugini Tours said the attack on the American tourist bus "seemed to be a one-off thing." The spokeswoman described how tribesmen stopped fighting last weekend when a tour bus approached along the road near Mount Hagen.

"They were fighting either side of the road when the bus came along. They put down their spears and waved to the bus. The tourists were thrilled," the spokeswoman said. Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Michael Somare has proposed sweeping changes in the law to give police more power to stamp out fighting among the thousands of highland tribes. Most of them live in primitive conditions in mountains and in dense forests.

## Fantasy writers get French prizes

PARIS. Nov. 23 (R) — Three of France's top literary prizes were awarded to writers whose work probes the past and transports the reader into a world of fantasy.

Canadian-born Anne Hebert was awarded the Prix Femina by an all-women jury for *Les Fous de Bassas* (the gannets), a poetic novel about two girl cousins who disappeared in a wild landscape in 1536. At 60, Hebert is one of the best-known writers in Canada and has won a number of other prizes.

Italian university professor Umberto Eco, aged 50, won the Prix Medicis for foreigners with a detective story describing a 4th century monk's search of Aristotle's manuscript. Set in murder and black comedy, it is the professor's first novel and is published in France under the title "Le Nom de la Rose" (the name of the rose).

The French Prix Medicis was won by 43-year-old Jean-François Josselin *L'enfer et Cie* (hell and co.). It is a tale of a widower obsessed by the face of his dead wife.

## Sanctions on S. Africa urged

UNITED NATIONS. Nov. 23 (AP) — The head of the U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization called for sanctions against South Africa to force its withdrawal from Southwest Africa, also known as Namibia.

Ambassador Frank Abdullab of Trinidad-Tobago, chairman of the 25-nation committee, told the General Assembly here Monday there had been "further deterioration of the situation in Namibia," which South Africa still governs 16 years after the assembly ordered it out.

Abdullah said the Security Council should impose sanctions against South Africa "immediately." Sanctions are orders the Security Council issues to U.N. members to break economic, diplomatic or communication links with countries it finds in vain for a settlement.

The call for sanctions came as Abdullah presented his committee's annual report, dealing with action on 22 non-self-governing territories, most of them little islands.

## Nicaragua vice minister held

MEXICO CITY. Nov. 23 (AP) — Security police arrested Nicaragua's vice minister of justice, Alberto Gamez Ortega, for alleged "counterrevolutionary activities" last week, a day after he resigned from the leftist ruling junta, sources said Monday.

Asked about the report, state security police officers in Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, said they knew nothing about the matter. But friends of Gamez Ortega, who disclosed the action, said members of Gamez Ortega's immediate family were warned by police officials not to say anything about his arrest.

The friends, who talked on condition they were not identified by name or where they spoke, claimed Gamez Ortega was picked up by security police at his home Saturday night for "alleged counterrevolutionary activities" and taken to an undisclosed location.

They said Gamez Ortega, a prominent lawyer who served as chief district attorney for Managua before he was named vice minister a year ago, had resigned Friday in apparent disagreement with the ruling three-man junta's policies but had no details.

"Up to this moment, we don't know the motives why he was taken in and the authorities don't want to tell us where he is being detained," a member of Gamez Ortega's family in Managua said, also asking not to be identified by name.

"Counterrevolutionary" is a term sometimes used by leftist officials to describe someone who disagrees with the junta's policies. Independent lawyers have complained in private recently of increasing harassment of people who refuse to follow the junta line.

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In June, Wilson flew to the Dominican Republic. U.S. marshals refused to let him get off the plane and flew him to New York where he was arrested. Fahringer said the government has admitted working with Ernest Keiser, who persuaded Wilson to leave Libya. The lawyer argued that Wilson's presence was secured under force or fraud.

"The government concedes the fraud," Fahringer said. "Their position is that it doesn't make any difference." Sterling scheduled the hearing for Nov. 29, the day Wilson's Houston trial was to have started. No new date has been set for the trial on charges accusing him of smuggling explosives.

The rebels also burned two urban buses heading from San Salvador to Santa Ana, the country's second largest city, 70 kilometers west, and attacked an army post at Jocotitlán, 200 kilometers northeast of the capital in Morazán province, where they hold six towns, other military reports said.

Meanwhile, a local judge said the decapitated bodies of six men and one woman were found early Sunday dumped on a dirt road near the town of San Juan Nonualco, 50 kilometers southeast of San Salvador.

## Leftists kill Salvadoran soldiers, hit power lines

SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 23 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas sprayed army barracks with gunfire here Monday, killing five soldiers, an army spokesman said. A sixth person was killed and several wounded in other scattered guerrilla attacks elsewhere in the country.

Three men and three women riding in two vehicles stopped by the San Carlos barracks, raking the building with automatic gunfire, the spokesman, who asked anonymity for security reasons, said. He said all five soldiers killed were manning a guard post.

Guerrillas also dynamited a string of power pylons in the area, leaving 500,000 people without electricity in northern San Salvador province, parts of Chalatenango, San Vicente and most of La Paz. Dynamiting electrical installations is a favorite tactic of the rebels in their war for power and the eastern and northern parts of the country have been blacked out more than a dozen times by similar attacks this year.

A local commander said at least one person was killed and several were wounded when guerrillas ambushed treasury police truck about 16 kilometers north of the capital. The truck was carrying reinforcements to Guazapaz volcano where rebels are entrenched, but had no other details.

Earlier Monday guerrilla groups based on the volcano attacked a military post in Guazapaz town, near the volcano, 24 kilometers north of the capital, and an army post in San Jose Las Flores, 19 kilometers northeast of San Salvador, but that no casualties were reported, the commander said.

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## To end Ulster bloodshed Irish seek U.K. initiative

DUBLIN, Nov. 23 (AP) — Prime Minister Charles Haughey and opposition leader Garrett Fitzgerald, bitter rivals in the Irish Republic's third general election in 18 months, called for a British initiative in Northern Ireland to end 13 years of sectarian bloodshed.

Fitzgerald, speaking during a heated hour-long election confrontation on the republic's state-run television network in the final run-up to Wednesday's poll, stressed that London must produce "a radical change of policy to stop the drift toward anarchy" in the unruly British province.

The survey of 1,020 voters Friday and Saturday gave Haughey's Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) Party 44 percent of the vote in Wednesday's election. But the opposition Fine Gael (family of the Irish) Party led by Fitzgerald got 41 percent and the small Labor Party 9 percent. That gave the opposition coalition a six-point lead with a total of 20 percent.

Their call came amid a deteriorating security crisis in Northern Ireland in which at least 17 persons have been killed in sectarian and political violence last month.

Hard-line Protestants in Northern Ireland have threatened to wreck a 78-member pro-

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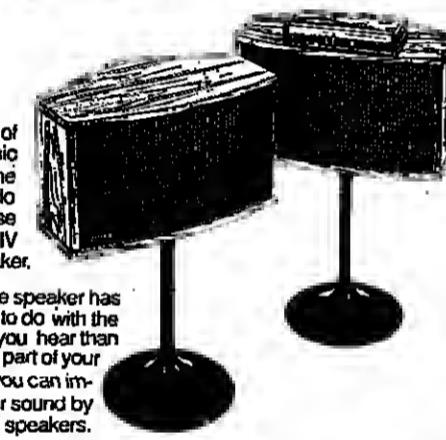
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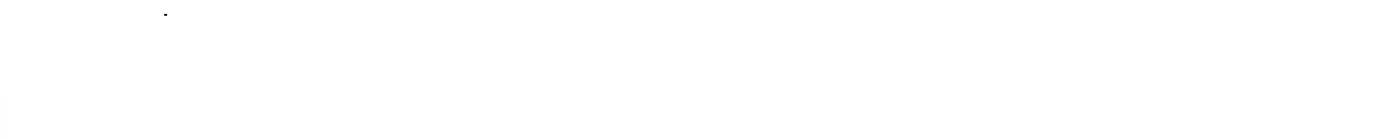
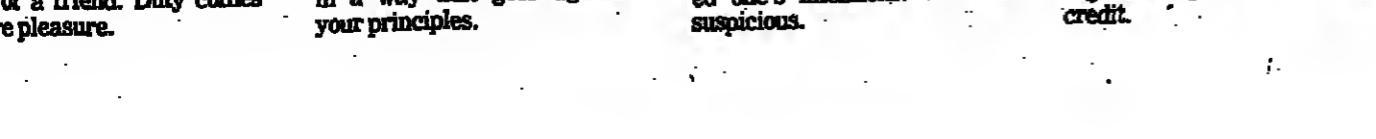
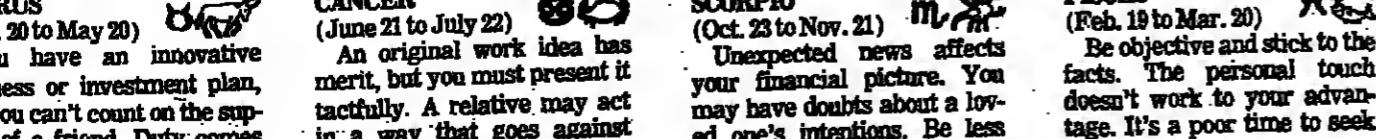
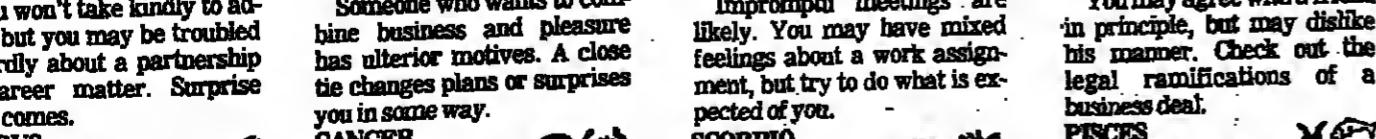
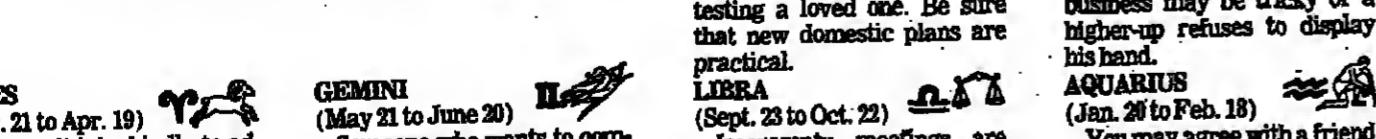
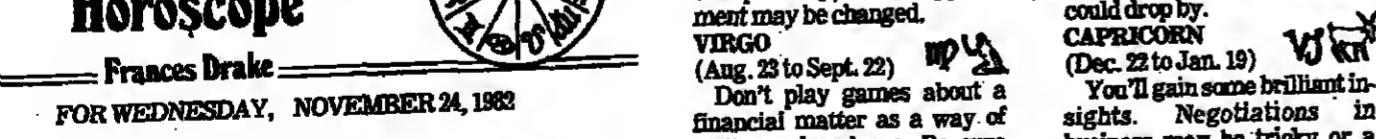
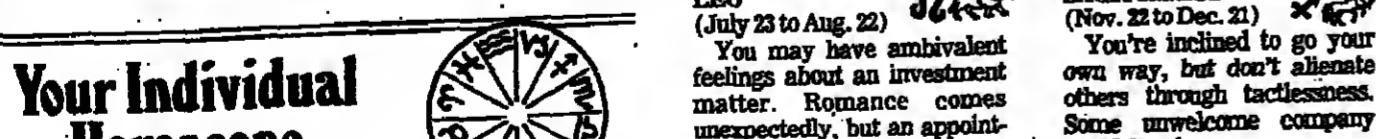
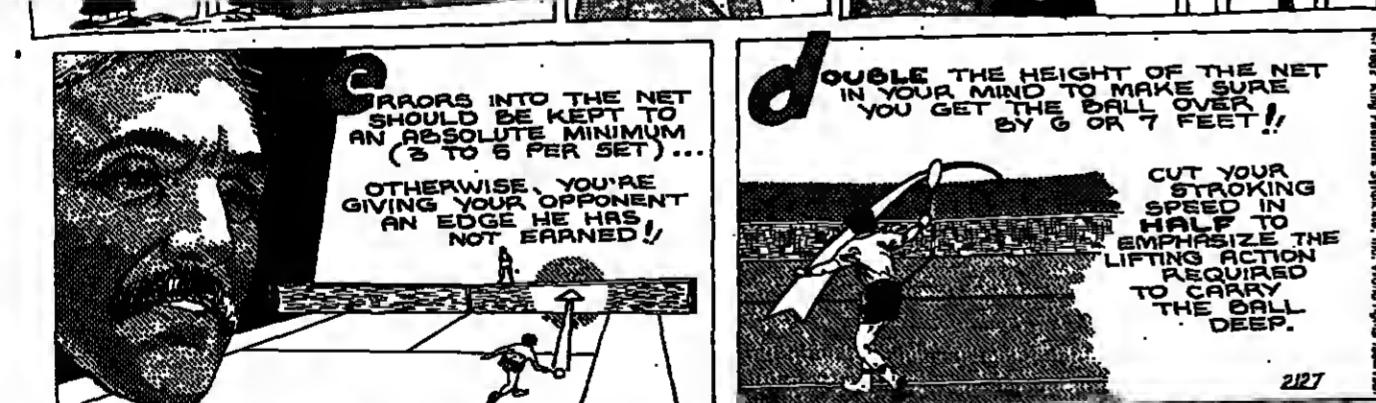
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## Botha to meet Shultz for Namibia parley

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 23 (AP) — Foreign Minister Pik Botha visits Washington this week with the United States and South Africa squarely in agreement on how to produce an independent Namibia.

U.S. Vice President George Bush drew a string of rebukes from black African leaders during his seven-nation African tour this month by embracing the South African position: Cuban troops must be withdrawn from neighboring Angola before Southwest Africa can become independent as Namibia.

Publicly, the complex negotiations seem to have sputtered to a standstill, with no hint that Marxist Angola will spurn the Soviet Union and expel the Cubans in return for improved relations with the West.

Indications are emerging that if the issue is not solved by early next year, South Africa may attempt to forge an internal Namibian independence settlement, which is certain to be rejected internationally.

Botha was scheduled to leave for Washington Tuesday afternoon for talks with Secretary of State George Shultz sometime this week. Namibia was expected to be the primary issue.

The United States is one of five members of the Western "contact group" attempting to end South African control over Namibia and halt a 16-year bush war by black nationalist guerrillas. Those guerrillas, from

the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), operate from bases in Angola, and South African troops regularly cross into southern Angola in hot pursuit.

Angola, supported by the black African "front-line nations," says it will only send home the estimated 12,000 to 15,000 Cuban troops when the military threat from South Africa disappears.

The question of Cuban troops emerged publicly just as it seemed the parties were about to reach final agreement on a ceasefire and set up elections for a constitutional assembly. The pact seemed so close in August that the United Nations began lining up personnel to oversee the ceasefire.

Then the United States began to link Namibian independence, which would include withdrawal of South African troops from the territory, with withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

To the delight of the South Africans, the Reagan administration seized the chance to achieve its more global aim of reversing Soviet penetration in developing countries.

Bush said in Nairobi, Kenya, that the United States was not ashamed to state its goal of withdrawing all foreign troops from southern Africa. He said the introduction of the Cuban troops in 1975 "tore the fabric of reciprocal restraint between the United States and the Soviet Union in the developing world."

## U.S. rushing aid to Zaire

KINSHASA, Zaire Nov. 23 (AP) — U.S. Vice President George Bush wrapped up a seven-nation swing through Africa on Tuesday by announcing an acceleration of U.S. aid to Zaire and the opening of negotiations between the two countries on an investment accord.

"I am pleased to announce that during my visit here, the United States and Zaire have agreed to begin negotiations leading to a bilateral investment treaty to encourage and set the framework for American private investment in Zaire," Bush told an airport news conference before leaving.

Bush also said \$10 million in U.S. aid already earmarked for this Central African nation would be delivered ahead of schedule to help ease Zaire's serious balance of payments deficit.

President Mobutu Sese Seko, considered a moderate, took power here in 1965 after dissolving the government and declaring himself president. Since then, the United States has pumped about \$500 million of military and economic assistance into Zaire, located in the Congo River basin.

"We are proud of the history of American private and governmental assistance to Zaire," Bush said. "During our visit here, my

wife, Barbara, and I have seen positive results of our cooperative efforts by missionaries, peace corps volunteers, private investors and government assistance."

During his two-day stay here, Bush met with Mobutu and other Zairean leaders, attended a colorful reception in his honor at the presidential People's Palace, met members of the American community and toured a General Motors factory.

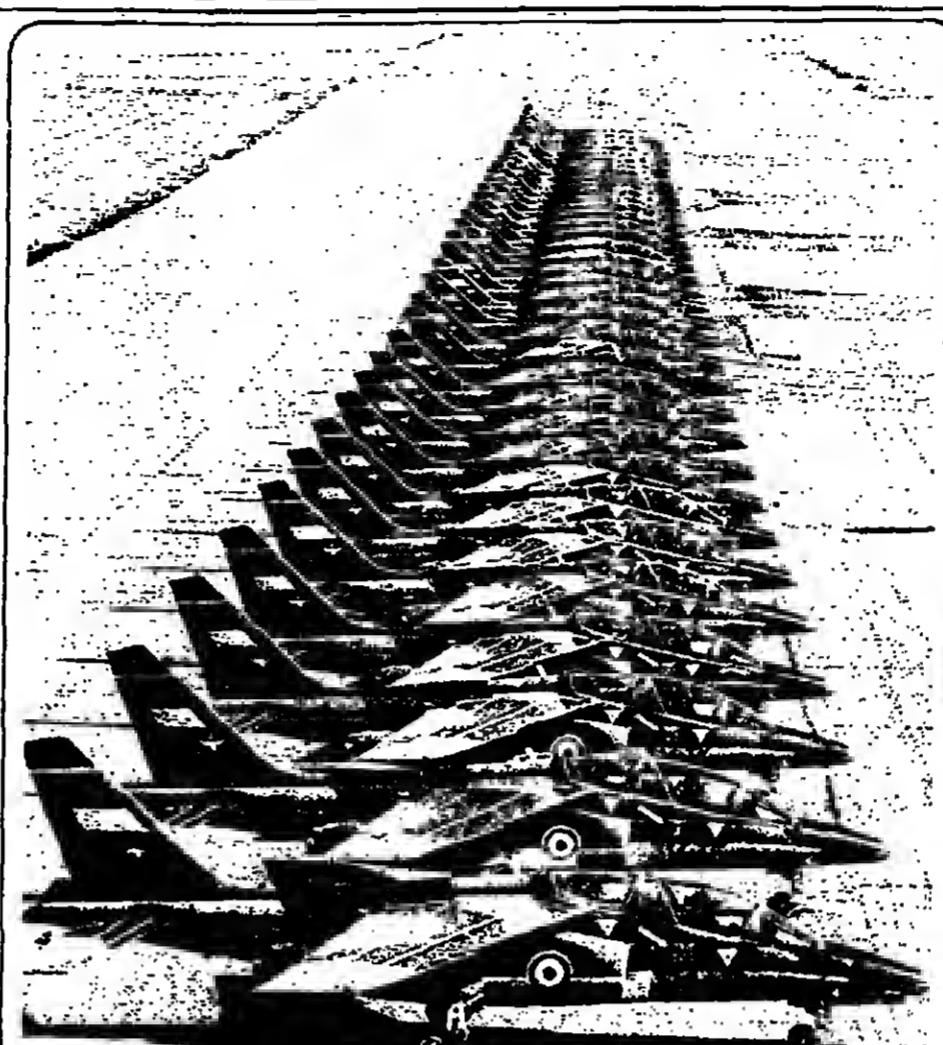
During the conference, Mobutu said the "good and profound relations" between Zaire and the United States went back 22 years. He added that "occasional misunderstandings" had always been solved through "frankness and mutual confidence."

The subject of independence for the South African-controlled territory of Namibia also known as Southwest Africa was not mentioned.

## Blast again in Kosovo

BELGRADE, Nov. 23 (AP) — An explosion in downtown Pristina, the capital of the restive southern province of Kosovo, shattered windows on several buildings Monday but there apparently were no injuries, the Belgrade daily *Vesernje Novosti* reported Tuesday.

Disturbances have rocked Kosovo for the past year. Riots by ethnic Albanians demanding autonomy have claimed nine lives and injured more than 250 persons, according to official figures.



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## Israel rapped at UNESCO session

PARIS, Nov. 23 (AP) — The opening session here Tuesday of the fourth special session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was wracked by dispute over the credentials of the Israeli, West German, Cambodian and Afghan delegations.

The Israeli representative was accepted, but only after a violent attack by Arab states supported by, among others, the Soviet Union, China, Cuba and Iran, against its annexationist policies, the attack on Lebanon and its attitude toward the Palestinians.

The Soviet Union contested the validity of the West German delegate who it said lived in West Berlin, while the Chinese delegate questioned the credentials of the Afghan delegation. And the representative of Democratic Kampuchea, the anti-Vietnamese coalition in exile, denounced the present Cambodia regime "and the presence of foreign troops" in the country.

The some 2,500 delegates, representing

the 150-member states of UNESCO, will meet until Dec. 3 to adopt UNESCO's program for 1984-89 designed to reduce inequalities in education, the sciences and information exchange.

Conference president Ivo Margan of Yugoslavia underlined UNESCO's role in promoting "new models of development."

UNESCO Director General Amadou Mathar M'Bow, presenting the five-year plan, said that economic, technological and development problems and questions of peace, security, and fundamental rights and liberties could not be separated from what is happening in science, educational, culture and communications.

M'Bow of Senegal, outlined his fears that the incredible growth in the information and communications industries could leave behind certain groups of individuals and nations. The UNESCO director general also denounced the arms race and human rights violations as well as threats to the environment.

The some 2,500 delegates, representing

## Gunfight frees Italian kidnap victim

IDERNO, Italy Nov. 23 (AP) — Police said Tuesday that officers forced a speeding car off the road with gunfire and freed one of Italy's longest-held kidnap victims who was bound and gagged in the trunk.

Police said that Monday night they rescued Maurizio Gellini, a 38-year-old industrialist snatched by kidnappers May at Pompeii near Rome. He was the focus of a much-publicized negotiations carried out in the press between his family and abductors. Gellini was found in the trunk of a car with Zurich plates after the car sped past a police roadblock near this southern town.

Police and gunmen in the car exchanged

## Quake-hit Italian kidnap victim

ROME, Nov. 23 (R) — Southern Italy is still languishing from the effects of a massive earthquake two years ago and local officials complain their problems are being ignored even though about \$2.5 billion have been poured into the area.

With 20,000 people in the Naples area alone living in caravans and villages still lying in partial ruin, and some 60 schools serving temporary homes, officials speak bitterly of slow progress and broken promises.

"Rome seems further and further away. We feel abandoned after all the bold commitments that were made," says Rosanna Repole, the mayor of Sant' Angelo del Lombardo, a village near Naples where 410 persons were killed in the quake.

The problems of reconstruction have been enormous. In less than 80 seconds, the earthquake ripped apart an area the size of Belgium, killing 3,000 persons and making 250,000 homeless. But in this earthquake-torn country, Mrs. Repole's complaint has a familiar ring. Only last Saturday, Pope John Paul visited the Sicily area of Sicily, where hundreds of people are still without proper homes 14 years after the earth shook beneath them.

In the mountainous Samo area of south-

ern Italy, officials say a decision is still pending on the use to which some 200 billion lire (\$136 million) of aid should be put 20 years after an earthquake made 30,000 homeless.

The earthquake of Nov. 23, 1980, sliced through the Naples area and the isolated villages around it, thrusting the area's acute poverty into the limelight and revealing that Italy was unprepared to cope with such a calamity. The state's response has been a massive program of reconstruction and a bid to ensure that any future earthquakes meet a swifter and better coordinated response.

Under the guidance of the ongoing Minister for Civil Protection, Giuseppe Zamperetti, 17,700 damaged homes have been repaired, 24,000 prefabricated homes provided, roads rebuilt, and small villages connected to mains water and electricity for the first time. The cost of this has been some \$6.5 billion lire (\$2.5 billion), and a further \$3 billion was promised under a law passed in May 1981. But officials say the area's problems remain critical.

"Things are getting worse," Mrs. Repole said in a newspaper interview. "We cannot get near the ministries in Rome to talk of our problems, and mayors of villages are competing with each other for funds."

In the mountainous Samo area of south-

## Election campaign ends

## Nakasone sure to win

TOKYO, Nov. 23 (R) — Yasuhiro Nakasone, a pro-American politician, has emerged as the clear favorite to win election as Japan's next prime minister this week. All public opinion polls have predicted that Nakasone, 64, will win both first and second-round elections to choose the president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

This would automatically make him prime minister in succession to Zenko Suzuki, who announced in October that he would not seek re-election. The LDP has governed Japan since 1955 and Nakasone, director-general of the Administrative Planning Agency in the present Suzuki cabinet, would be its 11th prime minister.

The month-long election campaign ends officially at midnight Tuesday, and postal ballots from more than a million party members will be counted Wednesday to eliminate one of four candidates. A party spokesman said 972,000 postal votes had arrived at party headquarters six hours before the midnight deadline.

He said the result should be known by mid-afternoon Wednesday and the three remaining candidates will face a runoff election on Thursday by the party's 421 members of parliament. The other contenders are Economic Planning Agency head Toshio Komoto, International Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe, and Ichiro Nakagawa, director-general of the Science and Technology Agency.

Party sources said the new leader could form his cabinet on Friday after being endorsed as prime minister at a special session of parliament. The election follows Suzuki's surprise announcement that he would not seek re-election to the top post of the faction-ridden LDP.

Nakasone has been supported in his campaign by factions headed by Suzuki and former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, who wields enormous power in the party and government, as well as by his own followers. Tanaka has sat as an independent member of parliament since being charged with taking bribes from the U.S. Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

## Peking said raising anti-Vietnamese aid

PEKING, Nov. 23 (AP) — Anti-Vietnamese Cambodian leader Son Sann announced here Tuesday that Communist China had agreed in principle to increase its military aid to the coalition fighting the Hanoi-backed regime in Phnom Penh.

Premier of the coalition in exile, Son Sann has refused to give further details of the aid while indicating that it would be done gradually, "keeping pace with developments in our struggle and progress in our fight to liberate our country."

The coalition, organized last June, groups China's ally the Khmer Rouge and the two anti-Communist factions led by Son Sann and Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the coalition president. Khmer Rouge leader Khoue Sambath is vice president.

Son Sann is the third coalition leader to separately meet with the Chinese leaders in the last few weeks. He has held discussions with Premier Zhao Ziyang and with general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party Hu Yaobang.

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